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## Gotcha covered

Yuko Kawai, a first grader at a Tokyo elementary school shelters under her desk during a disaster prevention drill yesterday marking the anniversary of the Great Earthquake of 1923.

## 'Early Saudi ties not likely'

NICOSIA, Sept. 1, (AP) — Iran said yesterday it seeks good relations with Arab states in the Gulf but ruled out restoring links with Saudi Arabia until "unresolved issues are thrashed out."

The official Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified source close to President Hashemi Rafsanjani as saying: "We have certain major unresolved issues with the Riyadh regime which must be thrashed out before any move in the direction of a smoothing of bilateral relations."

The statement came only two days after Rafsanjani, elected July 28, won parliamentary approval for a cabinet consisting largely of technocrats, many Western-educated, rather than revolutionary ideologues.

Rafsanjani, leader of Tehran's so-called pragmatists, is now expected to move toward ending Iran's isolation by restoring links with the West and its Gulf Arab neighbours.

On the face of it, the official's remarks indicated that Rafsanjani was in no hurry to patch up the rift with the Saudis, who broke off relations with Tehran in April last year, citing subversion and terrorism.

But the reference to "thrashing out" their differences was seen as a veiled offer for talks aimed at resolving the rift between the two Gulf powers.

Saudi Arabia's King Fahd yesterday received a message from Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto dealing with mediation efforts aimed at reconciling the desert kingdom with Iran, diplomatic sources in Jeddah reported. They would not give other details.

Pakistan has been using its good offices with both Riyadh and Tehran seeking to patch up relations.

## Hyderabad prison riot claims nine

HYDERABAD, Sept. 1, (AP) — Nine prisoners were killed when police stormed a Hyderabad jail to free hostages taken by inmates protesting poor jail conditions, according to reports today.

The independent Muslim newspaper said 500 inmates of the central jail in Pakistan's southern Hyderabad city took seven guards hostage early yesterday morning.

## Deputy chairmanship on offer Nam honours Kuwait

BELGRADE, Sept. 1, (KUNA) — Kuwait has been officially nominated as deputy chairman of the upcoming non-aligned countries summit conference, due to convene here on Monday.

Well-informed sources told KUNA that nomination of Kuwait has received overwhelming support of Nam's senior officials, currently in session here.

The sources said Kuwait was nominated for its wise and balanced policy taken at Arab, Islamic and international levels and within the framework of the movement.

Kuwaiti State Minister for Foreign Affairs Saud Mohammed Al-Osaimi today declared Kuwait's support for revitalisation of the Non-Aligned Movement.

In a short statement before the ministerial

conference of the movement, Osaimi said Kuwait stresses the importance of breathing life into the movement so as to overcome difficulties faced by member countries.

He underlined the need to revitalise the movement to enable it enforce resolutions adopted by its conferences and different agencies.

Osaimi pointed out the great importance of the Non-Aligned Movement on the international level in defence of just causes of Third World countries.

The Kuwaiti official praised Zimbabwe, chairman of the ninth name conference, is steering the movement.

He was equally praiseful for Yugoslavia's perfect preparations for hosting the ninth Nam summit opening on Monday. (See also Page 11)



## 800 detained

Almost 800 people were detained in Medellin, Colombia for violating a curfew, a measure to prevent the drug-related terrorism.

Five thousand Colombians working for the Medellin and Cali drug cartels are turning Los Angeles into the cocaine capital of the United States.

Local police and prosecutors say the Colombians, who get as much as \$20,000 a week, distribute up to 115,000 kilograms (250,000 pounds) of the drug a year.

They have formed alliances with many of the 400 street gangs in Los Angeles, peddling the drug across the western United States.

Diluted with baking soda and water, cocaine can sell for between \$50,000 and \$100,000 a pound as "crack."

Frustrated by a stepped-up drive by US government and police undercover agents to stop drugs pouring into Miami from across the Caribbean, the Colombian cartels are switching coasts, police said.

But the Colombian government's war on the two cartels has not yet made a dent in the flow of cocaine into the western United States, they added.

The United States asked Israel to help persuade a former Israeli intelligence agent who is a top adviser to Panama's strongman, Manuel Noriega, to leave Panama so he can be questioned by US officials, a newspaper reported.

A spokesman for the Foreign Ministry, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he has no information on any US request concerning Mike Harari, a former agent of Israel's Mossad intelligence agency. (Earlier Report Page 4)

**Mob gouges out eyes:** An angry crowd gouged out the eyes of six people caught in an attempted robbery in southern Bangladesh, police said on Thursday.

Villagers surrounded 15 robbers who raided the house of a wealthy man at Mehendiganj in Barisal district on Wednesday night. Nine escaped.

The furious crowd gouged out the eyes of the rest. Police quoted one of the mob as saying this was to stop the robbers returning for revenge. (Reuters)

**People evacuated:** The Colombian volcano that killed an estimated 25,000 people in 1985 sent steam and ash soaring on Friday prompting authorities to evacuate people in areas of danger.

The Nevado del Ruiz volcano, 80 miles (128 kilometers) west of the capital of Bogota, began erupting on Thursday night and ash was drifting hundreds of miles (kilometers) north by Friday morning according to radio reports.

President Virgilio Barco's disaster emergency office ordered the evacuation of about 2,500 people living in the five river valleys beneath the 16,000 foot high (5,200 meters) volcano, said Nicolas Garcia Piedrahita, the office's assistant director. (AP)

**Meeting set for Sept 22:** US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze will meet Sept 22 and 23 in Wyoming, the US State Department announced on Friday.

The meeting will be to discuss the full range of US and Soviet issues, spokeswoman Tutwiler told reporters. (Reuters)

**Armed forces abolished:** Libyan leader Colonel Muammar Khaddafi abolished his armed forces on Friday, the 20th anniversary of his revolution.

In future Libyan soldiers, sailors and airmen will be known as "armed people," he decreed in a flamboyant gesture marking the coup which toppled Libya's pro-Western monarchy.

Only hours earlier Libya made peace with Chad.

The neighbouring states, which went to war over a disputed piece of Sahara desert along their border known as the Aouzou strip, agreed to take their 15-year-old dispute to the international court of justice in the Hague for arbitration. (Reuters)

**Magsaysay awards:** An American Jesuit priest who was jailed by Ferdinand Marcos for being a vocal government critic said Thursday the church's greatest achievement in recent years was helping out the former president three years ago.

The Rev. James Bertram Reuter Jr. made the remarks at ceremonies in which he was awarded the 1989 Ramon Magsaysay prize for journalism, literature and creative communications arts.



## Camels from Khaddafi

Libyan leader Muammar Khaddafi has sent six camels to Belgrade for next week's summit of the Non-Aligned Movement.

The animals — three adults and three young — munched may plaudits yesterday outside the green-flagged home of the Libyan ambassador in Belgrade. A Yugoslav policeman stood guard.

Arabs attend the summit, which starts next Monday, said they believed Khaddafi had sent the camels as a symbol of the desert and the Arab heritage. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Beirut burns in savage barrage

Disguised French slip into Beirut; may fight

BEIRUT, Sept. 1, (Agencies) — Syrian and Christian gunners pounded Beirut and its environs with shellfire today in one of the fiercest artillery battles in their six-month-old war, turning parts of the city into an inferno of burning buildings.

Police said at least seven people were killed and 55 wounded in the savage barrages, in which 80 shells and rockets were falling a minute during the most intense periods.

That raised the casualty toll from the fighting that erupted March 8 to at least 819 killed and 2,409 wounded.

In an interview in the French daily newspaper Le Figaro, Aoun said the United States is "giving Syrians the time they need to reach their goal in Lebanon" by discouraging aid to other parties in the dispute.

The bombardment by the Syrians' long-range artillery covered virtually all of the besieged 310-square-mile (800-square-kilometre) Christian enclave north of Beirut, where one million people have been trapped since mid-March.

Christian leader Gen. Michel Aoun's artillery hammered Syrian-controlled West Beirut, the Druze Muslim stronghold in the Chouf mountains southeast of the capital and the Syrians' main supply route through the Bekaa valley in east Lebanon.

The fighting escalated yesterday after the pro-Aoun Ad-Diyar daily reported that a peace mission by French envoy Francois Szeher had collapsed.

Police said at least 80 Syrian 130mm shells fired from positions in the central mountains that overlooked the city hit the state-owned casino Du Liban, north of Beirut, setting it on fire.

The vast casino overlooking the Mediterranean, the biggest in the Middle East, was a Beirut landmark: a symbol of the city's heyday as the region's playground before the civil war erupted in 1975.

Associated Press spokesman Bahjat Jaber reported by telephone from the Christian port of Jounieh that "hundreds of shells and rockets" were hitting the area.

"They're shelling the coast, the mountains, the towns and the road network," Jaber said. "The whole area's burning."

Fires raged out of control in the wooded hills surrounding Beirut. In the city, its smoke-weathered streets filled with rubble from wrecked buildings, apartment blocks blazed as ambulances sped casualties to hospitals already running short on medicines.

Police said Aoun's gunners knocked out a radar-controlled Syrian 130mm Howitzer nicknamed "Abu Abdo" on the seafloor coriche in West Beirut, where several Syrian guns have been destroyed in recent weeks.

Abu Abdo and other 130mm guns have been used to bombard ships carrying arms and other supplies trying to run a Syrian blockade of the Christian enclave.

Soon after Abu Abdo was silenced, police said a freighter dashed into Jounieh with a cargo of fruit and vegetables for the beleaguered Christians.

A police spokesman, the ship, the Mirca-T, had been driven back by Syrian shellfire when it tried to make a run for Jounieh earlier today.

A Christian spokesman said Aoun's gunners destroyed a Syrian ammunition dump in pine woods near Bolonia.

Meanwhile Al Seyassah has learned that the French are sending military personnel to East Beirut with the aim of helping the Christian Army troops under the command of Aoun.

The Seyassah also learned that for the past four days, about 450 French military men, wearing civilian clothes, have arrived through Larnaca, Cyprus, at the Christian port of Jounieh, north of Beirut, and they are being assembled at the French embassy annex in East Beirut.

Aoun today accused the United States of pressuring other countries to withhold military aid to Lebanon because of the hostage crisis.

## Love don't live here anymore

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## A love lost

Captain Mark Phillips and Princess Anne on their wedding day — Nov 14, 1973 — at Westminster Abbey. Buckingham Palace announced on Thursday that Anne and Phillips are separating. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Panama names President Bush severs ties

PANAMA CITY, Sept. 1, (Reuters) — A new provisional President was sworn-in today as the United States announced it was cutting ties with Panama.

Francisco Rodriguez took the oath of office as US President George Bush declared that diplomatic relations would not be restored while military leader Manuel Antonio Noriega remained in power.

The United States has been trying to oust Noriega since prosecutors in Florida charged him with drug trafficking 18 months ago.

"The United States will not recognise any government installed by General Noriega. Our ambassador will not return and we will not have any diplomatic contact with the Noriega regime," Bush said in a statement.

Bush said the United States would also take other steps, "including the tightening of measures to deprive the illegal regime of funds that belong to the Panamanian people... and to counter the threat posed by General Noriega's support for drug trafficking and other forms of subversion."

Rodriguez and provisional Vice-President Carlos Ozores Tynaldos were sworn-in by the President of the supreme court at a brief ceremony attended by top members of the government and military. Noriega did not attend.

After the ceremony Rodriguez thanked the officials and promised to fulfil his duties "with love for my country, energy and dedication to serve."

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## 'Cool' in a can

'Pss' ends the car bake

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (AP) — For the unbearable feeling of climbing into a sun-baked car, Dr Domingo Tan has a remedy: a few squirts from his air-conditioner in a can.

Tan, a Chinese-born physicist who lives near Washington, invented instant car cooler, an aerosol spray containing 10 per cent ethyl alcohol and 90 per cent water mixed with a mint fragrance.

One exporter wants to ship instant car cooler to the Middle East, where Tan says the heat inside automobiles can soar to 165 degrees Fahrenheit (74 degrees Celsius) or more.

He demonstrated on a recent sweltering day by opening the door of his ageing Dodge sedan. Even with a cardboard sunshade in the windshield, a large circular thermometer dangling over the front seat registered 122 degrees Fahrenheit (50 degrees Celsius.)

## Maoist rebels kill 11, injure 6 in India

NEW DELHI, Sept. 1, (AP) — Suspected Maoist rebels detonated a landmine under a jeep today, killing 11 people and injuring six others in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, news reports said.

United News of India said 10 people died at the blast site, a remote jungle road in the Beerpur area of Karimnagar district.

One of the six wounded people died en route to a hospital, the news agency said.

It said the victims were travelling to a nearby village to attend the funeral of a local leader who was

hacked to death yesterday by the rebels, known as Naxalites.

The name is taken from Naxalbari, a town in West Bengal state where their movement, advocating an armed overthrow of the government, was born in 1967.

Press Trust of India news agency, quoting police, said another jeep passed over the landmine safely minutes earlier.

Police believed the landmine was intended for a police patrol that was scheduled to use the road, UNI said.

## Nehru prize to Arafat

NEW DELHI, Sept. 1, (AP) — The Jawaharlal Nehru Award for international understanding has been awarded to the PLO chief, Yasser Arafat, the Indian government announced today.

A government statement said that in honouring Arafat, "we underline our commitment to support the fight of every people for freedom, justice and peace."

The award, announced for 1988, carries a plaque and Rs 1.5 million (\$100,000). It will be presented by the Indian president at a date convenient to Arafat, the statement said.

The award has been given every year since 1969 in honour of Jawaharlal Nehru, independent India's first prime minister. The 1987 award was given to United Nations Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar.

The 60-year-old Arafat was described in the statement as a "valiant fighter who has been engaged in the long and arduous struggle of the people of Palestine and their independence."

## Soviets back Sofia in row with Turkey

MOSCOW, Sept. 1, (Reuters) — The Soviet Union today defended Bulgaria in its dispute with Ankara over the fate of ethnic Turks, saying no one should try to pressure Sofia into a settlement.

"Attempts to internationalise the question of Bulgarian Muslims... to bring pressure to bear on one of the parties can only hamper a just and mutually acceptable settlement," Foreign Ministry spokesman Vadim Perfilov told a news conference.



# Doctors implant insulin pumps

Good news for diabetics

BOSTON, Sept. 1. (Agencies): A computerised, implanted insulin pump the size of a hockey puck can free diabetics from giving themselves injections and may help them avoid some of the disabling complications of their disease, doctors report.

"It's a significant advance," said Dr Christopher D Saudek of Johns Hopkins University, who helped test the device. "This is, in my view, the first successful long-term experience with variable-rate implanted insulin pumps."

The device, which borrows technology from the space programme could be years away from becoming commercially available. Researchers said they plan to test a slightly modified version before seeking approval of the US Food and Drug Administration for sale in the United States.

The experimental pump, designed at Johns Hopkins, is one of several similar devices tested in recent years. Others have been plagued by clogged lines and other malfunctions.

Besides relieving diabetics of the chore of giving themselves injections, such pumps could more closely mimic the body's natural release of insulin and forestall diabetic complications such as blindness and kidney failure, doctors say.

Diabetics require frequent insulin injections because their bodies fail to make enough of the essential hormone, which breaks down sugar.

The new disk-shaped pump, implanted in the abdomen, is three inches (7.6 centimetres) in diameter and weighs seven ounces (198 grams). It holds a two-month supply of insulin and can be refilled with a syringe.

The pump was tested on 18 diabetics. Doctors said it generally worked well, although four of the devices became blocked when tissue grew over the catheter that releases the insulin. One also malfunctioned because of a faulty microchip.

Doctors can programme the pumps to vary the rate at which they release insulin throughout the day. Patients use a hand-held radio transmitter to command the pumps to give out an extra burst of insulin after meals.

While blood-sugar control with the pumps was good, the doctors said they hope someday to develop a device that senses the body's blood sugar levels and releases insulin as it's needed.

The pumps, manufactured by Minimed Technologies of Sylmar, California, were tested by Saudek and other doctors at Johns Hopkins and the University of California, Irvine.

## Theory rejected Missing link

CHICAGO, Sept. 1. (Agencies): A 10-year study has cast doubt on a theory that people who are depressed are prone to developing cancer, US researchers said yesterday.

"Although no study is definitive, the weight of evidence casts considerable doubt on a connection between depressive symptoms and cancer morbidity and mortality," said the study from the National Institute on Aging.

The report was published in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers said the link between emotional distress and disease of all types has received considerable attention for the past several decades and there is evidence emotional factors may affect the immune system and hormonal functioning.

But they said previous studies that indicated a cancer-depression link appeared to have been poorly designed, giving false results.

The study followed 6,403 men and women for 10 years. It found that the relative risk of cancer was not significantly different among those with and those without symptoms of depression.

Scientists reported Wednesday discovery of a gene that appears to cause some cancers of the pituitary gland and may also trigger tumour growth in the thyroid, ovary and similar glands.

A team of US and Italian researchers said they identified mutations on the "gas" gene that causes uncontrolled production of cyclic amp, or camp, a growth-promoting molecule inside the cell.

Reporting in the British Journal Nature, the team headed by Henry Bourne of the University of California-San Francisco said it found gasp mutations in about 40 per cent of growth hormone-secreting pituitary tumours examined.

The tumours were surgically removed from patients suffering from excessive growth called "gigantism."

Bourne and his colleagues said the mutations appear to alter properties of a special signalling protein that regulates an enzyme that makes camp. The defect causes the camp-making protein to be permanently switched on, leading to the uncontrolled growth of tumour cells.

"Hormones that raise cyclic amp turn on the growth of cells. These mutations make the cell think they are seeing those hormones, even though they are not," Bourne said.

In addition to pituitary cells, researchers said other cells programmed to grow in response to elevated camp are thyroid, ovary, testes, adrenal and other endocrine glands.

Bourne said it is thought the gasp gene or perhaps a gene from the same "family" may be responsible for some types of cancer in those glands.

# Adventures just a phone call away

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Americans are a telephone call away from intergalactic battles with extra-terrestrial creatures or from snake-infested Egyptian caves in a quest for hidden treasure.

By simply ringing a new type of toll phone number and keying in digits on their push-button phones, callers embark on life-and-death missions with film and television characters.

"It's like video games without the screens," said Michael Ellman, who helped develop the new caller-paid phone lines. "It's the wave of the future."

It is also a powerful new sales device, designed to entertain while boosting interest in films, television shows and a range of consumer products.

"It's the strongest new marketing tool since the introduction of television," said John Schmitt, marketing manager of Interactive Telemedia (ITM).

"It allows any sponsor to communicate one-on-one to every single person in the country with no cost involved," he added.

The lines, which usually charge users about a dollar a minute, apply new technology designed to drum up new forms of phone communication for "couch potatoes" — people who like entertainment without exertion.

Introduced last February, the lines connect users to dozens of games, quizzes and sweepstakes that offer rewards such as trips to Moscow or Singapore with the host of a popular Los Angeles chat show.

Unlike the early non-interactive toll numbers, which just played messages to the caller, these provide several stages of feedback.

For instance, if the caller wants to play Indiana Jones, the game will let a chud-in player know whether to punch in '1' on a touch-tone panel — perhaps sending the archaeologist film hero plummeting to his death in a pit of hissing vipers — or punch in '2' to steer him to safety.

The various games give callers promotional T-shirts, caps, badges and pins. Defeating alien invaders from outer space wins a special "Star Trek" certificate, signed by Captain Kirk, making the player an "honorary captain" of the space fleet, Schmitt said.

The first movie link to one of these telephone lines was "Speed Zone," in which fans called in to direct a sports car around a simulated race track. It was a success.

ITM then set up telephone lines with themes from some popular summer films, including "Star Trek V: The Final Frontier," and "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade."

"It's exciting for people," Ellman said, "and they don't mind paying the price of it."

Most of the interactive calling is geared to adolescents, which may upset parents already incensed over huge phone bills run up by their offspring making long calls to various talk lines.



One killed in accident

One man (pictured right) was killed and another seriously injured when their window-cleaning gantry crashed 10 floors into lunch-time crowds in central Sydney on Thursday. Two people on the ground were injured and four children, participating in a pavement show metres from the crash, were treated for shock. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 50-km wide meteorites 'fell' on S. Africa

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Giant meteorites as large as 50 kilometres (30 miles) across are believed to have fallen on South Africa about 3.4 billion years ago, a team of geologists said yesterday.

The geologists based their conclusion on a study of several mysterious beds of tiny, spherically shaped rocks found in the vicinity of the town of Barberton, located in the republic of South

Africa about 300 kilometres (180 miles) east of Johannesburg, they wrote in today's science magazine.

"We're pretty convinced that they're from a big impact" — either a shower of small meteorites or a handful of extremely large meteorites, said one of the researchers, Frank T. Kyrle of the University of California at Los Angeles.

The tiny round rocks, measuring up to two millimetres (a tenth of an inch) in diameter, probably were formed when the meteorites collided with the earth, the scientists said.

The heat of the collision would have turned solid rock into a vapour, which would then have formed into the tiny droplets as it cooled, they said.

The researchers were led by Donald R. Lowe of Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

## Australian astronomers on the verge of proving existence of cosmic strings

CANBERRA, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Australian astronomers claim they are on the verge of proving the existence of cosmic strings, invisible loops of incredibly dense mass created in the instant after the big bang formed the universe billions of years ago.

Professor Don Mathewson said proof the strings existed could be the most significant breakthrough in astronomy since measurement of the bending of starlight by the sun confirmed Einstein's theory of relativity.

"We are about 80 per cent of the way to proof but it is still necessary to get one more piece of corroborative evidence," said Mathewson by telephone.

"Proof that cosmic strings exist will help scientists understand the large-scale structure of the universe and provide clues to its origin."

"The strings are a kind of cosmological time-capsule, preserving the primitive environment that existed at the time of the big bang when there was only a single unified force."

Mathewson, a professor at the Australian National University in Canberra, said his team's research showed cosmic strings travelled at almost the speed of light and have a mass of a hundred million billion tonnes per centimetre of string.

A long infinite string at the beginning, the string broke off and intertwined, forming loops that exert an enormous gravitational pull, he said.

Mathewson's team, working with telescopes at Australia's Mount Stromlo and sidling spring observatories, made their discovery while inves-

tigating the great attractor, a huge gravitational force into which the Milky Way and nearby galaxies are falling at a speed of about 1,000 km a second.

The team pinpointed the exact location of the great attractor the southern sky and showed it was long and cylindrical, in fact a moving loop of cosmic string.

The final confirmation will come over the next six months, Mathewson hopes, as the investigators the gravitational lensing properties of the string.

**Shorter sentence request:** Defence solicitors Wednesday asked for a prison term of only 15 years — rather than life imprisonment — for a nurse who became known as the "Angel of death" after allegedly killing 15 elderly patients.

The nurse, Michaela Roeder, in her last statement to the Wuppertal court apologised to the relatives of her victims.

"Today I wonder how all this could ever have happened," she said.

Earlier this month, state prosecutor Karl-Hermann Majorowky requested life-imprisonment for the nurse accused of administering deadly injections to at least 15 patients, most of them over 70-years-old.

Roeder was arrested March 1986 and accused of killing 17 elderly patients by combining injections meant to lower blood pressure with others that paralyze heart activity. (UPI)

**Official testifies:** The testimony of a former official has given a federal grand jury the clearest indication to date of White House ties to the grant selection process at the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the New York Times said yesterday.

Deborah Gore Dean, who from 1984 to 1987 was executive assistant to President Reagan's housing secretary, Samuel Pierce, Jr., told a grand jury sitting in Jackson, Mississippi, that aides in the White House repeatedly tried to promote the use of multi-million-dollar grants for politically desirable HUD projects, the Times said.

In her testimony, Dean did not imply that there was any impropriety in the White House aides' involvement in the HUD projects, and prosecutors who have studied the testimony have not alleged any wrongdoing, the Times said.

She said the aides tried to intervene in HUD action grants, which were intended to promote development in economically distressed urban areas and were supposed to be awarded based on a strictly numerical formula. (UPI)

**Mistrial declared:** Saying the jury was hopelessly deadlocked, a judge yesterday declared a mistrial in the case of British car dealer Harvey Rader, accused of the murders of an Israeli immigrant and his family of three who disappeared nearly seven years ago.

Prosecutors said they would probably retry the case and the mother of one of the victims vowed she would never give up her fight to bring Rader, 46, to justice.

"I'll never let go until Harvey Rader is put in the gas chamber," said Margaret Malachuk, who burst into tears in the courtroom when the jury foreman said jurors voted 11-1 in favour of convicting Rader.

**Rapist executed:** A man convicted of the 1977 rape and murder of a 61-year-old woman was executed Wednesday night in Virginia's electric chair.

Alton Wayne, 34, was pronounced dead at 11:05 p.m. (0305 GMT) after receiving two 55-second jolts of nearly 2,500 volts of electricity, said Department of Corrections spokesman Wayne J. Farrar.

Wayne went to the US Supreme Court earlier Wednesday seeking a stay of execution, but the high court refused by a 7-2 vote to postpone the execution and to consider his case on appeal.

Wayne, a former textile worker, also was denied clemency earlier Wednesday by Virginia governor Gerald L. Baliles.

**Woman sentenced to death:** A 26-year-old woman was sentenced to death on Wednesday for the murder of an insurance clerk, making her the first woman to receive the death penalty in California since capital punishment was reinstated 12 years ago.

Cynthia Coffman pleaded for life imprisonment, saying her former boyfriend forced her to participate in the murder of Corinna Novis, 20, who was kidnapped, strangled and dumped in a field in San Bernardino county in November 1986.

But superior court judge Donald Turner said Coffman and the ex-boyfriend, James Marlow, 32, were equally responsible for the murder and accepted the jury's recommendations that they both die in the gas chamber. (Reuters)

**Bridge collapses:** A partly constructed bridge collapsed onto a highway near Washington during the morning rush hour yesterday, injuring at least four people, a police spokesman said.

The bridge tumbled onto the southbound lanes of the Baltimore-Washington parkway at Laurel, Maryland, 20 miles (30 km) from Washington, as workers were pouring concrete.

## 'Queen' Leona faces 3 to 5 years in jail

Helmsley will appeal

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (UPI): Self-styled hotel "queen" Leona Helmsley, who once boasted "only the little people pay taxes," faces a possible three- to five-year prison sentence for each of the 33 counts of tax evasion on which she was convicted, and fines ranging up to \$7.75 million.

Court observers said, however, if the judge did mete out jail time, he would probably make many sentences concurrent.

Helmsley, 69, and two associates, Frank Turco and Joseph Lacari, were found guilty Wednesday of tax evasion, aiding and abetting tax evasion, conspiracy to defraud the Internal Revenue Service and filing a false tax return.

The US District Court jury of six men and six women that deliberated five days found Helmsley and Turco innocent, however, a charge that could have brought 20 years in prison.

Judge John Walker set sentencing for Nov 14, with Helmsley remaining free in her own recognizance.

Helmsley's attorneys said later in the day they would appeal the verdict.

Helmsley's husband, Harry, 80, whose \$5 billion real estate kingdom includes the Empire State Building, was indicted with her but was not tried because he is suffering from severe memory loss.

The Helmsleys both still face trial on charges of cheating the State of New York out of \$500,000 in taxes, following a Manhattan Grand Jury's 1988-count indictment of the couple in April 1988.

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### Jagger struts his stuff

Mick Jagger of the Rolling Stones performs Thursday at a sell-out concert at Philadelphia's Veterans Stadium. During the group's first concert tour in eight years 50,000 fans jumped to their feet and began a night of dancing in their seats.

The Stones, launching their 29-city "Steel Wheels" tour, played on a stage 110 high by 300 feet wide (33-91 metres) showing a scene of industrial decay with catwalks, gray girders and black nets.

The stones opened with "Start Me Up" from 1981, followed by "Bitch" from 1971 and "Shattered" from 1978. They left the stage briefly, returning with three backup singers and four horn players.

The flamboyant Jagger strutted around the stage clad in black leather pants and a green tuxedo jacket.

The crowd, which saw the band Living Colour as the opening act, ranged from young to old — some even as old as the Stones themselves.

"They transcend age groups," said Tom Scaspe, 45. "I think they're one of the super-bands still left."

Concertgoers paid \$28.50 apiece for tickets, which sold out in two hours, 45 minutes. Scalpers were getting as much as \$200 dollars a ticket.

The group opened its last tour, in 1981, in Philadelphia as well. The next stops on the 29-city North American tour are Sunday and Monday in Toronto, and Wednesday in Pittsburgh.

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the group's first recording. (Reuters wirephoto)



**MOSCOW:** Children conceived in the autumn and winter are the most energetic, the best time for sexual activity is winter and summer, the Tibetan doctors said on Wednesday in a Soviet journal.

Studies of biorhythms led Tibetan physicians to conclude that children conceived in autumn and winter have more energy than those conceived in spring and summer, the official news agency Tass said, citing an article in the journal *Asia and Africa Today*. (UPI)

**PAPEETE:** French Polynesia: A Tahitian spiritual healer was charged with manslaughter on Thursday after attempting to cure a woman by walking on her, beating her and jumping up and down on her stomach.

Terr Williams told police he was convinced 53-year-old Rose Gersmain had just had sexual relations with the devil. (Reuters)

**NEW YORK:** Dorothy Schiff, the heiress who molded the historic New York Post into one of America's most liberal dailies during her 37 years at its helm, died of cancer on Wednesday. She was 86.

Peter Farris, a vice-president at the Post, said Schiff died at her home in New York City. She had been sick since May. (AP)

**MILAN:** Italy: Painter Michele Casella, known for his oils and lithographs, has died at the age of 96.

Casella died on Tuesday at his home in Milan and was buried on Thursday in Ortona, where he was born.

He started his career under his father, Basilio, who taught him to use nature as a subject. He gave his first official exhibit in Milan at the age of 13. (AP)

**PORT LOUIS:** Mauritius has set aside an area of mud flats near its main port as a sanctuary for thousands of wading birds which migrate there each year from northern Europe and Siberia.

Agriculture Minister Madam Dulloo launched a fund this week to transform the 30 acres (12 hectares) of tidal mudflats on the Terre Rouge estuary, just north of Port Louis harbor, into a bird sanctuary of educational and touristic value. (Reuters)

**MELBOURNE:** Australia: A skier who survived after he was caught in an avalanche and trapped under a mountain of snow for two hours said on Thursday he awoke to find himself in air pocket surrounded by snow.

Grakame Moutson was skiing on Mt Hotham in north-eastern Victoria state on Tuesday when the snow gave way, dragging him more than 100 metres (300 feet) and burying him under more than one metre (three feet) of snow. (AP)

**WARSAW:** Poland: Composer Leonard Bernstein says he is deeply moved to be in Poland in the wake of the continuing political transition toward democracy.

"I feel in Poland a very great future," he said.

Bernstein, 71, was to recite lines from W.H. Auden's poem, September 1, 1939, at the start of a concert on Friday to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. It was to be transmitted live to more than 20 countries.

Among the other international performers to participate in the concert: actress Liv Ullmann, soprano Barbara Hendricks and Poland's most famous contemporary composer, Krzysztof Penderecki. (AP)

**KENNEBUNKPORT:** Maine: President George Bush, who has not had any luck fishing on his summer vacation, jokingly asked a newspaper to stop running a "no-fish" logo chronicling his rod-and-reel failures.

The Portland Press Herald's graphic consists of a circle with a line drawn through a bluefish.

Bush, whose hook has come up empty for 13 days in a row, said he planned to call the newspaper's editor. (AP)

## Company specialises in flight by night

### Japanese movers cater to lovers and leavers

OSAKA, Japan, Sept 1. (Reuters): Women desperate to leave their husbands and debtors eager to avoid creditors can turn to the Transport Service for Troubled People, a Japanese removal company specialising in dead-of-night moves.

"There are some incredible women," owner Hiroshi Yamaguchi said. "They ask us to move their belongings out of their homes to their lovers' while they lure their honest husbands out for dinner in a restaurant."

Yamaguchi came up with the idea for the company three years ago after spending more than 20 years in more conventional areas of the removal business.

"I was often asked to move people's belongings secretly and not tell anyone their new address. Having gone through

bankruptcy myself, I was aware of their dilemma and wanted to help," he said.

The company moves people's belongings out of their homes or offices, mostly at night, takes them to its own storage facilities, then transports them to the client's new location when it is certain no one is following.

Customers usually telephone with an anxious request such as: "I need your help. Can you keep this secret?" A discreet meeting is then arranged during which the move is thoroughly planned.

Several of Yamaguchi's clients are small entrepreneurs on the verge of bankruptcy who want to escape creditors.

But the company is doing a growing business with women running away from husbands and moving in with lovers.

Yamaguchi said.

Whereas Japanese men tend to take no more than a cash card — when they abandon their families, most women want to keep all their belongings, including refrigerators, televisions and air-conditioners, said company employee Yasushi Morita.

In some cases the women decide to leave after discovering their husband belongs to the Yakuza, or Japanese criminal gangs.

"When members of the Yakuza are involved, we also hire a Yakuza member to take with us. There's nothing to fear because we aren't doing anything illegal. But it's easier because these people have special way of settling things," Morita said without elaborating.

The company occasionally negotiates

with the Yakuza on behalf of clients because some desperate entrepreneurs borrow money from Yakuza loan sharks.

It recently helped one Yakuza member disappear after he was hounded by Yakuza creditors when his business went broke.

"That was complicated. We spent a lot of time on planning. We had to move his furniture out of both his main house where — his wife and kid lived and his second house where his concubine lived," Yamaguchi said.

Asked if the firm sometimes failed to collect fees if clients were in financial difficulties, Morita said: "It hasn't happened yet. We don't often do it, but sometimes we decline to help when they look absolutely hopeless."

## Henry called scurvy knave

LONDON, Sept 1. (AP): King Henry VIII, renowned for his appetites for women and power, was killed by his craving for meat, a historian has concluded.

Susan MacLean Kybett, writing in the September issue of "History Today," argues that Henry died in 1547 of scurvy, a disease caused by a lack of fruits and vegetables rich in Vitamin C.

Or as the headline in Wednesday's Guardian newspaper put it: "Henry was a scurvy knave."

The king, Ms Kybett said, displayed a number of symptoms of scurvy: swollen, ulcerated legs, bad breath, frequent colds, constipation, lethargy, forgetfulness, bloating and wild swings in mood.

It could have been Henry, she wrote, that the Elizabethan writer Philip Stubbes had in mind in this blast against the English diet:

"For who is sicker than they that fare deliciously every day? Who is corrupter? Who belcheth more? Who loqueth worse, who is weaker and feebler than they? Who hath more filthy colour, plegge and putrefaction (replete with gross humours) than they?"

"And, to be brief, who dyeth sooner than they?"

Significantly, Henry was usually sick during Lent, when fasting coincided with a lack of nutritious food, Ms Kybett wrote.

"But nobody in the Tudor era associated foods with health. They hoped in vain that the green and golden concoctions of the alchemist would bring a cure."

The cure for scurvy was unknown until Dr James Lind of Scotland published "a treatment of the scurvy" in 1753.

Sailors were frequent sufferers from scurvy until it was discovered that they could be protected by citrus fruits — hence the term "limey" for British, from the lime juice rations that were given to seamen.

Ms Kybett, a native of Scotland who now lives in the United States, said the English of Henry's time had no techniques for preserving fruits and vegetables.

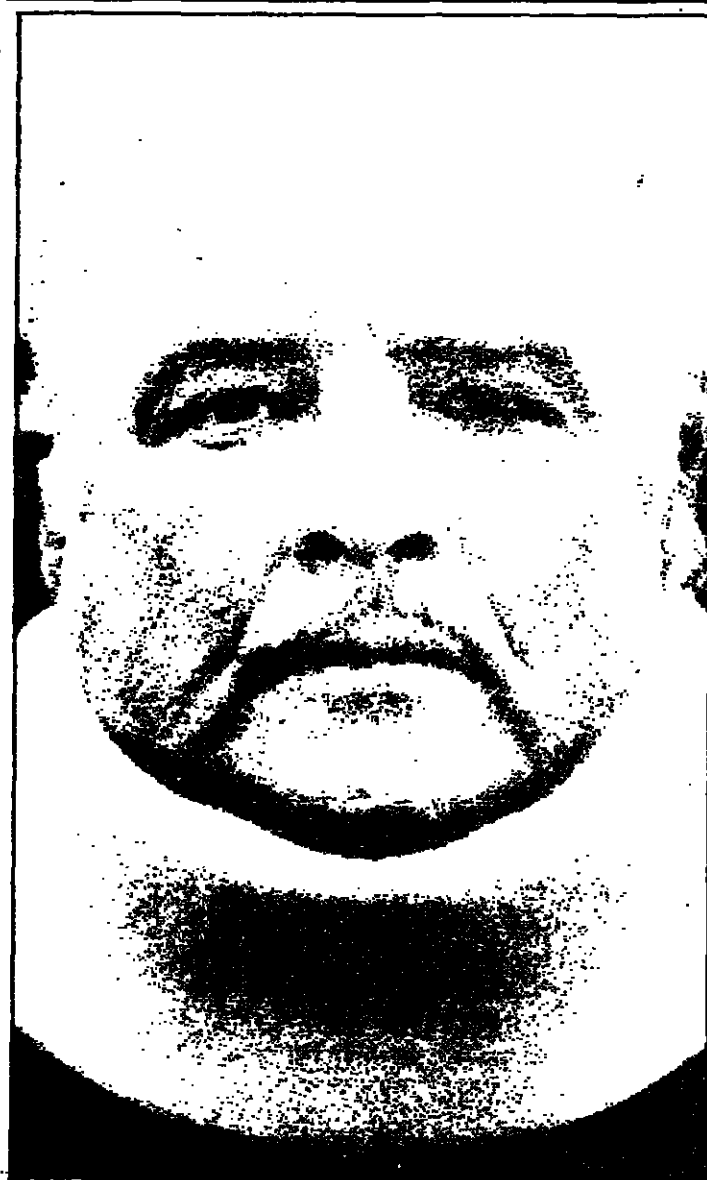
Nicander Nacius, an Italian who visited England in the last two years of Henry's life, commented on the "sottish and unrestrained" appetites of the natives. Another Italian at the time remarked that fruit was scarce, "because they lack the great heat of summer."

The English, at least those who could read and afford books, had some ward against fruits. In "Castel of Health," published in 1539, the physician Sir Thomas Elyot had warned that fruits "do ingender ylle humours and be oftentimes the cause of putrified fevers. If they me moche and continually eaten often and regularly."

Judging from armour made for Henry in later life, his waist had ballooned to 54 inches (137 centimetres), just three inches (eight centimetres) less than his chest. In his younger days, the king had a trim 35-inch (89-centimetre) waist and a chest of 42 inches (107 centimetres).

It was once believed that Henry, who died at age 56, succumbed to syphilis. Ms Kybett said that theory has been discredited because none of his children inherited the disease.

Wolsey, a victim of Henry's moods, died in 1530 while going to London to face trial for treason.



Brando wears a neck brace to ease muscles strained during filming of his latest movie. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Brando has had enough

### Reclusive actor retiring

TORONTO, Sept 1. (UPI): Reclusive actor Marlon Brando told an interviewer he is retiring after his current movie in Canada, saying he is fed up with show business and has only been acting for the money. The Globe and Mail newspaper said yesterday.

Brando, 65, who has been living in semi-retirement on a remote south seas island, told the newspaper he has been unhappy while filming his current movie, "The Freshman" co-starring Matthew Broderick.

"It's horrible," Brando said of the movie. "It's going to be a flop, but after this, I'm retiring. I'm so fed up."

"This is my last day," he said in the interview Wednesday. "Two more shots and I'm done with this madness. You can't imagine how happy I am."

**Sinker** "This picture, except for the Canadian crew, was an extremely unpleasant experience. I wish I hadn't finished with a sinker."

Of acting, Brando is quoted as saying: "I never really liked it, but there was nothing that would pay you that kind of money for that kind of foolishness. But as soon as work was over, I was glad to get away."

The normally reclusive Brando requested the 90-minute interview. The Glob story said.

A publicist for the film said it was unlikely Brando would grant more interviews, adding that he has not issued an official announcement and that none of

his comments in The Globe could be verified.

The Globe ran a picture of Brando on the front page showing him wearing a neck brace that supports muscles he strained while ice skating for a scene in the film.

Brando said while in Canada filming "The Freshman" he has been studying current affairs and developing a love of Canada and its people.

"I didn't realise how utterly pleasant it was to be here," he said. "I've come from New York, which is a warthog straight from hell. To sign my swan song here is very pleasant."

Brando said he closely followed an ongoing inquiry into justice for Canadian Indians, and he praised Canada for its treatment of its Indians relative to the United States.

Brando said he will continue to work on an 18-hour television series about Indians, and he scored the entertainment industry's lack of interest in the subject.

"It's properly named, this show business. It is the business of show. I suppose I'm unjustified in railing against it, except when they start talking about art, they hospitalise large numbers of people from laughter. People are seized with laughter."

Brando also spoke about the environment, saying: "What in the name of God's intentions have we done to this Earth, this paradise? We certainly have not wanted to become a part of it, we have destroyed it."

## TV minister hospitalised

### Bakker hallucinating

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept 1. (Agencies): Embattled US evangelist Jim Bakker, on trial for fraud during the heyday of PTL, was committed to a psychiatric hospital yesterday after his lawyer and psychiatrist said he had suffered a nervous breakdown and was hallucinating.

Bakker was led in shackles from the US District Court and taken to Butner Psychiatric Institute, a federal mental hospital in Butner, North Carolina. When he arrived at the facility he was lying down in the back of a car driven by a US marshal.

"Mr Bakker, at the present time is manufacturing evidence of severe psychiatric, emotional regression," his psychiatrist, Dr Basil Jackson of Milwaukee, told the trial judge, who signed the commitment order.

"When I left him 10 minutes ago he was lying in his attorney's office in the fetal position with his head under the couch," the psychiatrist said.

Jackson said Bakker suffered a total nervous breakdown Wednesday after a prosecution witness collapsed on the witness stand. Bakker rushed to the side of witness Steve Nelson, fell to his knees, took his hand and prayed for him.

"(Wednesday) he was actively hallucinating," Jackson said. "Mr Bakker reported when he left the courthouse suddenly the people outside took on the form of frightening animals which he felt were bent on destroying him."

The people Bakker faced outside the courthouse were reporters, photographers and television film crews from around the world.

Bakker failed to appear in court yesterday for the competency hearing and Judge Robert Potter ordered marshals to go get him. They brought him to the courthouse in handcuffs and placed him in a cell where he was held for three hours awaiting the trip to Butner.

"That is our procedure," a marshal said. "We will treat him no different than anyone else. He must be handcuffed and he must be held in a cell."

Bakker was clearly bewildered as he was taken from the courthouse and pushed head first into

a car.

"Why are they doing this to me?" he asked.

Dr Sally Johnson, chief psychiatrist at Butner, said the facility has 635 prisoners and 165 mental patients, most being held under court order. She said the average stay is 30 days and the maximum by law is 45.

All patients are evaluated by at least six experts who then make recommendations on competence to the court. The court decides whether the patient is competent.

Bakker will enjoy few freedoms at Butner, which consists of a series of gray buildings surrounded by a 15-foot (3.6-m) high fence with double rows of barbed wire across the top.

"Patients here are under the same constraints as inmates," Johnson said. "They are not allowed to leave. They can make phone calls, if a phone is available. They are locked in their rooms at night."

"There are ministers in the facility to take care of their religious needs, and Mr. Bakker will not be allowed to minister because we do not allow any interaction between the patients," she said.

Bakker has relied on the advice of his 82-year-old lawyer, George Davis, since his indictment in Dec on 24 counts of federal fraud and conspiracy stemming from the way he raised money at PTL. Jackson was brought in to counsel Bakker.

It was Jackson's testimony on Bakker's condition — the psychiatrist called him psychotic — that convinced Potter that Bakker needed psychiatric evaluation before his trial continues.

"He suffers from acute depression and a confused state in which he loses the ability to competently judge reality," Jackson testified.

Jackson asked the judge to allow him to place Bakker in private facility, but the judge already had warned Davis, Bakker's lawyer, before the hearing began that if Bakker were found incompetent he would not be going to the facility of his choice.

"Mr Davis," Potter said, "You understand if I find him not competent to stand trial I will send him to Butner. Do you still want this hearing?"

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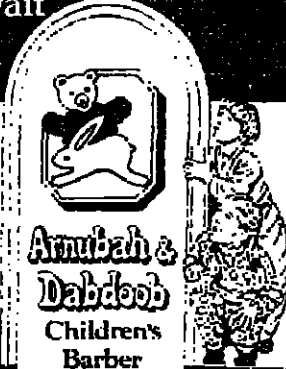
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## Proposals to revise French spellings 'like operating on a live body'

PARIS, Sept 1. (Reuters): France's intellectual elite has thrown up its hands in horror at proposals to modernise the language, including the abolition of the centuries-old circumflex symbol.

Two books due to go on sale in the next few days have revived a debate started six months ago when 10 teachers suggested doing away with the inverted-V circumflex, first introduced in the 16th century to help pronunciation but now obsolete.

"Spelling is decrepit and out of touch, and yet it's taught like a religion," said Nina Catach, author of "The Joys of Spelling," which calls for radically simple spelling rules. "I want to wake people up and

make them think about words."

Grammar is groaning under the weight of unnecessary and illogical irregularities, according to the authors of a second book called "Long Live Spelling."

Why, they ask, is the adjective "rationnel" so irritatingly spelt "rationnelle" when turned into a noun?

Why not simplify the spelling of "rythme" to "ritme", as the French word for rhythm is pronounced?

Catach and her colleagues want to clear away what they see as confusing clutter.

"In this day and age it's vital for people, in business and commerce as well as at school to be able to spell quickly and accurately. At the moment that's far from the case," she said.

More radical proposals have touched raw nerves at the Academie Francaise, entrusted with safeguarding the purity of the French language.

"Some of the suggestions are utterly absurd," said Jean D'Ormesson, one of the 40 elected "immortals" of the academy.

"Take the word 'temps' (time). They want to drop the silent 's', but if you do that, you may as well drop the 'p' too, and then you may just as well spell it





Noriega waves to reporters. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Fortune built on drugs

## US unveils Noriega link

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (Agencies): The United States, trying to loosen Gen. Manuel Noriega's grip on power in Panama, accused him of working with drug traffickers and amassing a multimillion-dollar fortune that includes luxurious homes, jets and yachts.

The charges, laid out yesterday by Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger before a special session of the Organisation of American States, came in response to a challenge last week by the Panamanian OAS representative to show proof of US allegations against Noriega, which he termed, "slander without proof."

The United States charged that Noriega aided in the smuggling of marijuana, protected cocaine shipments and participated in money-laundering, all while making a personal fortune of up to \$300 million.

Eagleburger said he would not publicly reveal details of the evidence that prompted two federal grand juries in Florida to indict Noriega on drug trafficking charges last year, but said he would give the material to the OAS secretariat where it would be available for inspection by other members of the OAS.

Washington has waged a combined economic and diplomatic effort to force Noriega from power since his indictment, but it has had little apparent effect.

In recent months, there has been increased activity involving the US military forces stationed in Panama to protect the strategic canal and US military dependents have been withdrawn.

The government dominated by Noriega appointed controller Francisco Rodriguez as President yesterday after international mediation failed to help negotiate a change of power before a constitutional deadline.

The appointment of Rodriguez has staved off a constitutional crisis but could worsen economic problems as Washington considers more sanctions to bring pressure on Noriega.

# Crack smoking mayor hurts drug fight

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (UPI): Reports that Mayor Marion Barry smoked crack cocaine with a former city aide are hurting efforts to combat a drug epidemic in America's murder capital, city officials said yesterday.

The Washington Post, quoting unidentified sources, reported that former city aide Charles Lewis, a convicted drug dealer and friend of Barry, told authorities that he and Barry smoked "crack" at a city hotel last December.

The paper also said other witnesses had corroborated statements made by Lewis two weeks ago about additional drug use with Barry in the Virgin Islands. A television station broad-

cast a similar report.

"It's become a significant distraction," said city council member James Nathanson, responding to the latest reports linking the three-term mayor with drugs. "These allegations have ... hampered the functioning of the city."

Nathanson said, "unfortunately, the message to the young people is they can mess around with this stuff and still have a chance of obviously making it. Here's a man who's obviously made it ... he's the mayor of the District of Columbia."

Another city council member, Charles Drew Jarvis, said: "There's a clear and direct impact (on the city's youth), and it makes the slogan

"just say no to drugs" seem very meaningless."

Barry's spokesman, John White, responded yesterday, "the mayor has said in the past he has never used any illegal drugs."

Barry, reportedly on vacation at an undisclosed location, had been expected back in the city today for a news conference by his new "drug czar."

But the news conference was suddenly cancelled by Barry's office yesterday. White said the mayor was not expected back until Sunday.

US Attorney Jay Stephens refused to comment on the reports about Barry yesterday, but said he asked the Justice Department "to conduct an inquiry to determine whether sensitive investigative information may have been disclosed."

Sterling Tucker, a former city council chairman who is Barry's appointed new "drug czar," said the allegations will "absolutely not" cripple the city's fight against drugs.

Some city council members said Barry must take a close look at what another re-election campaign would do to a city already scarred by the nation's highest per capita murder rate, which passed 300 for the year this week. Police say about 60 per cent of the killings are drug related.

## \$300m US aid to fight drugs

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (UPI): In a nationally televised address Tuesday night, President Bush will announce his anti-drug strategy that, sources say, will include more than \$300 million in additional aid for cocaine-ravaged South America.

Administration sources said Bush will recommend that overall spending for federal anti-drug efforts — from education to law enforcement — be increased by 25 per cent in fiscal 1990 to about \$7.8 billion.

Sources say Bush will seek some fundamental shifts in US policies, which have historically focused, with limited success, on trying to interdict drugs along the nation's border and snare narcotic kingpins.

Now, they say, the administration will place an increased emphasis on cracking down on casual drug users, winning back America's streets from narcotic dealers and seeking to smash global trafficking networks by going after middlemen, like pilots, couriers and money launderers.

"We're going after everybody — low-level, high-level, mid-level and low-lives," said one administration official.

Another said: "There is no easy quick solution to the drug problem, but we believe this is a sound offensive."

The overall focus of Bush's plan, as outlined last month in well-circulated draft reports, has been praised. But there is plenty of criticism that the president still isn't devoting enough funds to the nation's top domestic concern, illicit drugs.

Critics note that the president's proposed \$2 billion increase in the federal anti-drug effort is equivalent to just four Stealth Bombers. They also point out that the programme would be dwarfed by the recently approved \$300 billion initiative to bail out the nation's savings and loan institutions.

One administration official, rejecting the complaints, said, "there's going to be a lot more of everything" in the new drug strategy, and it will be a lot better co-ordinated.

For years, the US war on drugs has been a better-sketched battle. Numerous federal agencies, like the Coast Guard, Drug Enforcement Agency and Customs Service, have engaged in turf wars, sometimes even refusing to share data.

With little success, too, they have sought to interdict an ever-increasing flow of drugs into the United States and bring down international drug lords, many of whom reign over vast empires in Colombia.

The Bush administration is now seeking to extradite "a dirty dozen" of them to the United States and unify the federal assault against drugs.

Sources said that Bush will recommend that Colombia, Peru and Bolivia receive more than \$300 million in additional aid to combat the world's top cocaine cartels. The three countries now get \$162 million in US assistance.

The aid includes military advisers, training and equipment, plus protection for judges from drug assassins. In accordance with US policy and South American wishes, the bolstered US help won't involve any combat troops.

Federal anti-drug chief William Bennett drafted that Congressionally mandated strategy during the past six months. In recent weeks, though, revisions were made to pump additional help to Colombia where cocaine cartels have declared war on public officials.



Death for a ransom

A Colombian special policeman views the bodies of two of the six people killed when police rescued kidnapped industrialist Andrew Klein yesterday. Among the six dead was a woman. Police said the kidnappers had been seeking a ransom for Klein who was freed unharmed after the 15-minute gun battle. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Colombian drug lords vow to escalate war

13 injured in factory bomb blast

BOGOTA, Sept 1, (Agencies): A bombing in the cocaine stronghold of Medellin has raised fears that drug lords will kill more people in a campaign of terror mounted against Colombia's anti-narcotics offensive.

The United States said it would send military personnel to train Colombians to use millions of dollars worth of US equipment against the drug traffickers. Both governments, however, said the US soldiers would not engage in any combat role.

Thirty-three pounds (15 kilograms) of dynamite — strapped in a box to the back of an ice cream vendor's bicycle — exploded at a paint

factory yesterday and injured 13 people, police said.

The bomb, which touched off a huge fire at the factory, wounded 13 people and damaged 50 cars and 12 other buildings, police said. Only three of the injured remained hospitalised last night, they said.

The bombing in Colombia's second-largest city was the latest in a two-week wave of killings, arson and bombings by drug traffickers in retaliation for the government crackdown.

An anonymous caller told radio stations that the group of Extraditables, Colombia's cocaine barons, carried out yesterday's bombing and that there would be more attacks.

## Sidelights

**Security alert issued:** The Drug Enforcement Administration has issued a security alert to field offices nationwide in anticipation of the possible extradition of a leading drug trafficker from Colombia, a state prosecutor said yesterday.

The alert comes as other law enforcement authorities in various parts of the United States have strengthened precautions against retaliation by Colombia's Medellin drug cartel, according to a source familiar with the situation.

The powerful Medellin cartel, which the DEA estimates is responsible for 80 per cent of the cocaine smuggled into the United States, has declared war on Colombia's government because of a renewed anti-drug crackdown and has vowed to kill anyone instrumental in extraditing one of its members to America.

"They have an alert out," state special narcotics prosecutor Sterling Johnson said yesterday of the DEA communication. Johnson personally was under heavy security last year following reports the cartel had threatened to kill him. (UPI)



Car bomb explosion

A powerful bomb exploded yesterday near a car dealer injuring five people. The attack is the latest in a drug-related terrorist wave that followed Colombia's stiff anti-drug campaign. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Storing centre:** Colombian drug traffickers use Ecuador as a centre to store and export drugs to Europe and the United States and to launder hundreds of millions of dollars in profits every year, a top anti-narcotics official said.

"We see that large strong centres have been set up in Ecuador to export the drug to Europe and the United States and establish major refining centres," General Silvio Arias, director-general of the police force's national division against illicit traffic in drugs, told Reuters in an interview late on Wednesday.

Ecuador and other neighbours of Colombia have tightened security at their borders to keep out drug traffickers fleeing a crackdown in Colombia, government officials said.

Colombian President Virgilio Barco launched an unprecedented anti-drug sweep this month following the drug-linked killings of several public figures, including presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan. (Reuters)

**Americans edgy:** The US expatriate community in Colombia is edgy about the drug traffickers' self-declared war on the government, but few express panic or sense an imminent, direct threat to their safety.

Nonetheless, some are packing their bags.

"I love Colombia, but I just can't live here right now," said Martha Reyes, who has lived in the country 18 years. In a telephone interview with the Associated Press, she said other factors contributed to her decision to leave next week with her three daughters, but that the new violence between the country's drug lords and its government "just topped it off." (AP)

**Penalties escalate:** Penalties against drug use in the United States have escalated dramatically since crack cocaine began appearing in the nation's cities about five years ago.

All signs suggest that the tougher laws haven't been

enough to discourage drug abuse from spreading, but there's little doubt that those who are caught are paying a higher price.

— In Tallahassee, Florida, recently, a 30-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison without parole for dealing crack. It was his first conviction.

In Indianapolis, a 28-year-old cocaine dealer was forbidden to marry or father children for four years. (AP)

**Cuban minister sentenced:** A three-judge military tribunal found former minister of interior General Jose Abrantes guilty on charges stemming from a drug trafficking scandal that rocked Cuba in July and sentenced him to 20 years in prison.

Six of Abrantes's aides were given lesser sentences.

The official newspaper Granma said today the sentences were handed down yesterday afternoon. The trial ended last Sunday. (Reuters)

**Information withheld:** Cuba's former Minister of Interior, General Jose Abrantes, withheld information that could have led to the early discovery of drug traffickers within his ministry, the island's Justice Minister charged in a statement released on Wednesday.

Justice Minister Juan Escalona told a national television audience on Monday that Abrantes had received a written report from an unnamed Interior Ministry general on February 25 concerning the involvement of Lieutenant Colonel Antonio De La Guardia in drug trafficking activities.

The full text of the programme was published in Wednesday's official newspaper, Granma. (Reuters)

Police officers and soldiers in camouflage patrolled Medellin streets with automatic rifles yesterday. A 10 pm - 6 am curfew, begun Wednesday, remained in effect for the 2.5 million population and eight nearby towns.

Colombia's National Security Council met last night to decide whether to extend the anti-drug curfew to other cities, according to the independently produced network TV news programme "24 hours."

In Bogota, authorities announced the arrest of a man believed to be Galan's assassin. Police said the suspect, identified as Alvaro Delgado Posso, was apprehended Tuesday near the airport at Cartagena, a Caribbean coast city.

## Israelis trained Galan's killers

WASHINGTON, Sept 1, (Agencies): Colombia's security chief has charged that Israeli mercenaries trained assassins hired by the cocaine cartel to murder presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan.

In an interview with the Los Angeles Times in Colombia's capital of Bogota, Gen. Miguel Maza Marquez said of Galan's killing on Aug 18, "I know we can make a connection" between that and Israeli-trained drug forces.

Maza asserted there was "undeniable evidence" Israelis had trained the drug dealers "death squads."

He said a witness to Galan's assassination — himself a former member of a drug-sponsored paramilitary group — stated he had trained under Israelis with the three suspects now in custody for Galan's murder.

Moreover, the senior Colombian security officials said one of the characters on a seized videotape showing assassination and demolition techniques had been identified as Alfredo Vaquero.

Previously he had been identified only by the code-name "Vladimir."

Maza said Vaquero, arrested 10 days ago and charged with several Colombian judges' murders, had told police "his trainers were Israelis."

Maza's agents captured the 46-minute tape in a raid on the house of Henry Perez, a suspected assassin recruiter for the Medellin cartel.

Previously mentioned as a "star" of the film was Israeli reserve Lt Col Yair Klein.

Klein reportedly has told Israeli police that although drug kingpins were clearly evident in the film — which he admitted producing — he thought the training was being used only by innocent ranchers he set by right-wing bandits.

One part of the film shows trainees shouting in unison, "I want vengeance, much vengeance, I want blood, much blood."

It was the death of Galan, a leading candidate in Colombia's upcoming presidential elections, that sparked the government's massive anti-drug effort and led to the drugs barons' "declaring total war on all who opposed them."

That campaign led to the drug dealers sending to the authorities a copy of the same colour video training tape seized by Maza's forces.

The drug dealers apparently had sought to frighten the government into backing off its highly-publicised fight against the brutal cocaine lords.

**Plan**

The Israeli mercenaries suspected of training drug-financed Colombia hit squads were initially contracted to help plan an assault against communist guerrillas, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The newspaper El Tiempo, citing secret police reports, also said 11 British mercenaries were enlisted by cocaine traffickers to train special paramilitary units.

The latest report linking foreign mercenaries with Colombian drug cartels came amid renewed efforts by the Israeli government to distance itself from the scandal.

Hawkish Israeli Trade Minister Ariel Sharon has defended former Israeli soldiers accused of training hit squads for Colombian drug cartels.

A leading British newspaper confirmed yesterday that Israel's "murky" links with Latin America are not new and go back a long way.

The Financial Times newspaper reported that close links with the region, with Central America in particular, go back to the 1930s and '40s, when the Somoza regime in Nicaragua provided diplomatic passports to agents of the Haganah, the unofficial Jewish Army, in order to allow them to buy arms for the Arab-Israeli war in Palestine in 1948.

# Violent protest at NY killing

## Battle to be black won

NEW YORK, Sept 1, (Reuters): Demonstrators angry over the racial killing of a black teenager battled police during a protest march through Brooklyn last night and forced the closure of the Brooklyn Bridge for two hours.

Police said 23 police officers were injured in battles with marchers, estimated to number up to 7,000. Most of the marchers were blacks protesting against the murder last week in Brooklyn of 16-year-old Yusef Hawkins by a gang of white youths.

Police closed off the Brooklyn Bridge across the East River between the boroughs of Brooklyn and Manhattan, snarling already heavy evening rush-hour traffic.

Earlier yesterday, Joseph Fama, 18, a major suspect in the Hawkins murder, was returned to New York City from the upstate town of Oneonta, where he had surrendered in the early morning hours, a police spokeswoman said.

DENVER, Sept 1, (AP): A light-skinned woman has won her battle to be designated black, even though her parents listed her as white on her birth certificate in an attempt to help her overcome racial bias.

A judge on Wednesday directed Kansas officials to issue a new birth certificate for 39-year-old Mary Christine Walker, who was born in Great Bend, Kansas.

"I'm glad it's over," said the former Denver public school teacher, who always called herself black. "I'm very thrilled."

Her attorney, Penfield Tate II, said Kansas' current birth certificates do not designate race, so her new one will have no race on it at all. "But that is fine with us," he said.

The order came from US District Judge John Brooks of Denver, who heard Walker's plea to stop the illusion that she was white, a well-intentioned deception she said her parents started.

Hawkins was buried on Wednesday after an emotional, bitter funeral service at which black leaders said he was a victim of racism and white political leaders including Mayor Edward Koch and Governor Mario Cuomo were jeered.

Hawkins and three friends, who had gone last week to the largely white Bensonhurst section of Brooklyn to buy a used

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# Love don't live here anymore

Anne, Phillips separate

## Crack in the royal family

LONDON, Sept 1. (AP) Princess Anne, the only daughter of Queen Elizabeth II, is separating from her husband Mark Phillips, Buckingham Palace has announced.

The 39-year-old princess and her 40-year-old husband, who have been married for 15 years, do not plan to divorce, the announcement said.

The Queen, on holiday at Balmoral in Scotland, was described by royal sources to be "obviously saddened" but understanding of the couple's decision, according to Press Association, Britain's domestic news agency.

"Her Royal Highness, the Princess Royal, and Captain Mark Phillips have decided to separate on terms agreed between them," the announcement said. "There are no plans for divorce proceedings."

The terms of the separation were not disclosed but Anne will continue to live at the couple's home, Gatcombe Park, in Gloucestershire. Phillips will move to another house nearby, the palace said.

The couple's children, Peter, 11, and Zara, eight, will live with their mother at Gatcombe and Phillips will have full access to them, the palace said.

The separation had been disclosed on Wednesday night by Phillips' father, Maj. Peter Phillips.

Rumours of trouble in the marriage date back to 1981. In recent years Anne and Phillips have spent periods of up to six months apart.

Speculation that their marriage was on the rocks arose most recently in April, after personal letters written to Anne by a 35-year-old aide to the Queen, naval Cmdr. Timothy Laurence, were stolen and sent to the tabloid The Sun.

The letters by Laurence, were not published. But commentators said the fact that he was named by the palace was a sign that officials had stopped trying to pretend the princess's marriage was stable.

Phillips' name has been linked romantically with several women in British tabloid reports in recent years.

Princess Margaret, 59, the Queen's only sister, was divorced in 1978 from photographer Lord Snowdon. He was remarried. She has not.

As in the case of Anne, who is sixth in line to the throne, the palace repeatedly denied that Margaret's marriage was in trouble.

A common view that has taken hold this century is that the royal family, as a symbol of national unity, is supposed to set an example for the nation.

Before Margaret's divorce, British news media often depicted the royals as the ideal family. But the divorce showed they could not meet that expectation and cost them some of the unquestioning respect they had enjoyed.

Sniping at the royals — their glamorous, privileged lives, their wealth and the taxpayers' money they receive to help carry out their duties — now is common.

place in Britain.

Anne, a former member of Britain's Olympic equestrian team, and Phillips, an ex-army captain and Olympic equestrian gold medalist, met through their love of horses.

They married in London's Westminster Abbey on Nov 14, 1973, in a televised ceremony viewed by an estimated world-wide audience of 500 million.

Anne, who is head of the International Equestrian Federation, was attending an international Olympic Committee meeting in Puerto Rico yesterday. She is due to return to Britain by mid-September after travelling to Belize, Honduras, Ecuador and Bolivia.

Phillips remained on Wednesday at Gatcombe Park, about 80 miles (128 kilometres) west of London in rural Gloucestershire.

His father's statement said Phillips, a commoner who farms and trains horses, "will go on managing the work on the estate and will continue to organise the horse trials and the stables."

Phillips has travelled widely for business and equestrian interests.

Anne has become one of the busiest members of the royal family as president of the Save the Children Fund, a charity that helps poor children world-wide.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, Anne kept to a busy schedule yesterday at the Olympic conference.

At the hotel where she was attending the annual conference of the IOC, the princess ignored shouted questions from reporters as she arrived.

Later, reporters and photographers mobbed her as she left for lunch, blocking access to an elevator for several minutes.

Anne appeared unperturbed, but a source close to the princess said she was "upset" by the attention.

The announcement by Buckingham Palace that Anne and Phillips were separating overshadowed the final day of the IOC's three-day conference.

Juan Antonio Samaranch, who was re-elected president of the IOC Wednesday, hardly got a nod from the media crowd as he arrived to open the day's session.

Anne chatted amiably with a staff member as she made her way past the crowd for the morning meeting. When the IOC delegates broke for coffee at 11 am, the princess stayed in the conference room.

"She has a big schedule today," said Robert Scott, chairman of a bid by Manchester, England, to host the 1996 summer Olympics.

Scheduled business included a vote on whether to retain tennis as an Olympic sport and a debate on a proposal by IOC member Anita de Frantz for a lifetime Olympic ban on any athlete caught using drugs at future Games.

As one of two British IOC members and president of the Manchester Olympic bid, Anne hosted a dinner for 22 people in the hotel Wednesday night to muster support for Manchester's candidacy.



Laurence, a former equerry to the Queen. (Reuter wirephoto)



Escorted by members of IOC, Anne enters the conference room. (Reuter wirephoto)

### The scuttle-butt

## Royal split no surprise

MINCHINHAMPTON, England, Sept 1. (AP) The neighbours were sympathetic but not surprised yesterday when they heard Princess Anne was separating from her husband, Capt Mark Phillips.

"It was on the cards, wasn't it?" said Beryl Marlow, who passed in the main square of this village in southwest England, near where the royal couple have their estate.

Buckingham Palace announced the separation yesterday, but said the 39-year-old princess and her 40-year-old husband, married for 15 years, do not plan to divorce.

"It is sad, but it is just one of those things. I think Captain Mark should stay on the estate to be close to his children. They should have their father close by," Mrs Marlow said.

"Everyone is sad because the couple were well liked here. Princess Anne is very down-to-earth and he is an extremely nice person."

Shopkeeper Adele Kirk also expressed no surprise, but had different advice for Phillips.

"I cannot see any point in the captain staying on the estate," she said. "They have been leading separate lives, so why just move down the road?"

Steve Haines, a bus driver from the nearby village of Sapperton, expressed surprise that the breakup had not occurred earlier.

"They are just two completely different people," he said.

She is off around the world all the time and he is quite happy trotting along with his grey-goes (horses). They cannot have had a lot in common.

"They were so much apart," said Liz Bennett, who was glad Phillips was staying nearby. "If there is hope for the marriage, then at least they are fairly close," she said.

Former international horseman Mike Tucker, who runs a dairy farm in Tebury, about three miles (five kilometres) from the royal estate, said he had seen the couple three weeks ago at an equestrian meet.

"They were certainly talking to each other. I wasn't aware of any impending change," he said.

Tucker said the couple had worked hard to improve their home.

"When they moved into Gatcombe, it hadn't been lived in for about 30 years," he said.

"They have made a marvellous transformation. The whole estate is far better now than when they move there."



Library picture of Anne and Phillips on their wedding day, Nov 14, 1973, leaving Westminster Abbey. (Reuter wirephoto)

# Royal love story has unhappy ending

## Anne overcame her haughty image

LONDON, Sept 1. (Reuter) Princess Anne, who has separated from her husband Captain Mark Phillips after 16 years of marriage, overcame her haughty image to win Britain's respect for tireless work with the starving children of the Third World.

Sixth in line to the British throne, her marriage was dogged by persistent rumours of estrangement but revelations in April that the 39-year-old princess received personal letters from a royal equerry increased the pressure.

Gossip columnists called it a fairy tale romance when Anne and Phillips, an officer in the exclusive Dragon Guards, became engaged after meeting at an equestrian party in 1968.

Brought together by their love of horses, they married in 1973 at Westminster Abbey watched by 500 million television viewers world-wide who heard the princess omit the customary promise to obey her husband.

Anne and Mark, who have two children, made no secret of living separate lives in recent years with Phillips, commoner son of a country squire, often abroad or attending to his riding school in Scotland, while the princess' official schedule kept her away from

home weeks at a time.

Tall and blonde, Queen Elizabeth's only daughter has shunned the glamorous image preferred by her sisters-in-law Princess Diana and the Duchess of York, opting for the plain style which better suits her busy lifestyle.

Unflappable and cool, she has survived kidnapping plots, won prizes at international equestrian events and brought up her son Peter and daughter Zara, in a typical no-nonsense manner.

But the princess has never fully come to terms with the pressures of her royal role, telling an interviewer in December 1988 that "I simply wasn't their image of a princess."

She inherited a salty humour from her father Prince Philip and, always one for plain speaking, she once surprised a crowd in Australia by remarking loudly: "I can't see in this bloody wind."

Shedding a reputation for arrogance, Anne was anointed a royal darling by the popular press in 1980s after they discovered what one called her new caring image while on missions to Asia and Africa.

A 1988 survey rated her Britain's third most popular royal behind Prince Charles and the Queen Mother.

courage, knowledge and appetite for hard work, the newspapers switched to headlines about "the caring princess."

Mark joined his wife on some of her early overseas visits, but as the years passed he was rarely with her in public. In a Sunday Express interview last year, he said accompanying Anne had "become easier over the years but I wouldn't say I find it easy."

Describing himself as "quiet and shy," Mark said farming was his passion, and he spoke with delight about planting thousands of trees and trying to save

Newspapers noted that she fulfilled more official duties and had fewer holidays in 1988 than any member of the royal family.

Before she was 30, Anne drove a London double-decker bus, fired a machine-gun, danced with the cast of a rock musical and downed rum and rolled dice with sailors on a British battleship.

Her prowess as a horsewoman brought a gold medal in the 1973 European championships and a silver medal two years later.

In November 1977 the princess gave birth to a son, Peter — the Queen's first grandson and the first British royal grandchild to be born without a title.

In 1970 she became president of the Save the Children Fund, and her travels around the world spurred a surge in donations.

In 1987 the Queen gave Princess Anne the courtesy title of Princess Royal in recognition of her work for the fund.

There have been two kidnapping scares involving the Princess, in March 1986, during a visit to Brazil, and twelve years later in London when a gunman tried to haul Anne and her husband from their car, wounding three people, including a bodyguard.

possessed of a biting wit, Anne says she never wanted to be the prettiest, sweetest or most loved of the royals, preferring to do something constructive for others.

Now the busiest member of the royal family after her mother, Anne is president or patron of more than 75 charities ranging from disabled riders to prison workers, plus 23 military groups and six trade guilds.

### NEWS IN BRIEF

**Chainsaw killing:** Tahiti police are investigating the chainsaw killing of a man believed to be a thief of rare black pearls.

Police returning from Takarua Atoll, a two-hour flight from Tahiti's capital, Papeete, said Adrien Dexter was hacked to death three weeks ago.

The killers, believed to be pearl farmers, sliced off his hands and feet and mangled his body. (Reuter)

**AIDS on the rise:** The number of reported AIDS victims in the United States rose above 100,000 last month and more than 3,000 new cases were recorded in other areas, mainly Africa and Western Europe, the World Health Organisation said today. (AP)

**Officials acknowledge:** Communist officials acknowledged yesterday that 77-year-old East German leader Erich Honecker was recovering "very slowly" from a gall-bladder operation but rejected speculation that he has cancer. (AP)

The mass-circulation West German newspaper Bild, however, said Honecker was "struggling with death."

**UFO sighting:** An unidentified flying object has been sighted over the Caspian Sea peninsula of Mangyshlay, it was reported here today.

The Soviet newspaper said residents of the area spoke of a huge object flying above the peninsula and is believed extraterrestrial (KUNA)

**Manpower slump:** Britain's Armed Forces are suffering a manpower slump amid a recruiting crisis, it was disclosed today.

Numbers of the army, navy and Royal Air Force have plummeted by nearly 8,000 over the past year, and the situation seems certain to worsen, the British media said. (KUNA)

**AIDS hit Tahiti:** AIDS has hit the tropical paradise of Tahiti and five people have already died of the disease.

Official statistics released yesterday also showed that 65 people have been registered as HIV-positive — carrying the AIDS virus but having not yet contracted the disease. (Reuter)

**UN urges total ban:** A UN conference on the world's ozone layer opened on Wednesday to consider proposals for a total ban on the use of ozone-depleting chemicals by the year 2005.

Mostafa Tolba, head of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), proposed the ban to government delegates reviewing an international treaty controlling the use of substances harmful to the earth's ozone layer. (Reuter)

**Synagogue to be built:** The construction of the first Jewish synagogue to be built in Yugoslavia after World War II will begin soon in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, the Vecernje Novosti newspaper reported Wednesday.

It will stand at the site of a synagogue destroyed by the Croatian Ustashe, a Nazi puppet regime, in 1941, the report said, without spelling out when work at the new synagogue is to start. The original 74-year-old building was the biggest synagogue in the Balkans. (AP)

**Drive to curb arms:** In a drive to curb private arms possession, this border town is offering gifts in return for the surrendering of weapons, police said.

For every potentially lethal weapon turned in the Valkenswaard police are offering trinkets such as free seasonal tickets to the local swimming pool, police spokesman Theo van de Loo said yesterday.

Receipts for the weapons also serve as tickets in a sweepstake in which the grand prize is a three-day trip to Paris, according to Van de Loo. (AP)



Making music

American composer Leonard Bernstein conducts the Polish National Radio and Television Symphony Orchestra Thursday in Warsaw. The orchestra is scheduled to perform a concert Friday in observance of the anniversary of the outbreak of World War II. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Rabbi plans to sue:** The New York rabbi beaten at Auschwitz during a protest against the presence of a convent there said yesterday he was planning to sue Poland's Cardinal Jozef Glemp for defamation.

An attorney for Rabbi Avi Weiss said he would have legal papers served on Glemp when the cardinal visits the United States late next month.

The attorney, Harvard University Law School professor Alan Dershowitz, told Reuters he was also searching for a Polish lawyer to bring a defamation suit against Glemp in Poland. (Reuter)



Parading elephants

Elephants make a polonaise on the Kurfurstendamm in front of the Kaiser-Wilhelm Memorial Church in West Berlin. They belong to the American Circus, the biggest circus in the world. The animals will make a guest appearance this week in West Berlin.

**Finland calls:** Finland is calling a conference of Arctic nations next month to discuss protecting the frozen northern environment, in a meeting made possible by a change in Soviet attitude toward the environment, a Foreign Ministry official said Wednesday.

"The Soviets used to consider pollution a capitalistic vice, but no longer, and they have shown a willingness to reduce their own trans-boundary pollution in the Kola peninsula," said Esko Rajala.

"Three or four years ago such a conference would have been impossible." (AP)

**Commission to resolve:** Solidarity leader Lech Walesa said a commission should be formed to resolve a Jewish-Catholic conflict over a Carmelite convent at the former Auschwitz death camp, a controversy he called a "shame."

An American rabbi said Jews should not have boycotted a "world day of peace" conference yesterday marking 50 years since World War II's outbreak, saying the event could have helped heal any rift the controversy might have opened. (UPI)

**Court sentences:** A Czechoslovak court yesterday sentenced a would-be hijacker to 13 years in prison for trying to force a domestic flight to West Germany, the state CTK news agency reported.

The court in Plzen, about 130 kilometres (80 miles) southwest of Prague, found Bohuslav Behula guilty of "threatening the crew and passengers ... with a dummy hand grenade, with the intention of ... diverting the flight to the Federal Republic of Germany," said CTK. (AP)

**British report:** An international Jewish organisation said Wednesday that Britain's soon-to-be-released report on Austrian President Kurt Waldheim cites a secret CIA file as identifying Waldheim as a Nazi intelligence officer.

The British Defence Ministry said Tuesday the report will be released in a few weeks. Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher had ordered it to determine whether Waldheim was linked to the execution of six British commandos in World War II. (AP)

**Pleads innocent:** A third defendant pleaded innocent yesterday to charges he and five others men conspired to violate US export laws by selling sophisticated computer gear to the Soviet Union.

Shiv Mohan of New Delhi, India, entered the plea before US Magistrate Philip K. Sweet, who set trial for Oct 16, the US attorney's office here said. (AP)



Fond farewell

US President George Bush and Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney bid farewell as First Lady Barbara Bush walks by them. Mulroney was ending his two-day visit to Bush's vacation home in Kennebunkport, Maine. (Reuter wirephoto)

**Reactor to restart:** The Department of Energy will recommend restarting the Savannah river tritium-producing reactor in July 1990, the Washington Post reported in yesterday's editions.

The report, quoting unnamed government sources, said the decision to restart the reactor was made after a lengthy safety and technical review. The reactor in Aiken, South Carolina, was closed for safety reasons a year ago.

Tritium, a gas, is used to boost a weapon's explosive force. (AP)



# \$1m detector fails to spot some small bombs

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (AP): A \$1-million bomb detector that the Federal Aviation Administration starts operating today at a New York airport is not sensitive enough to spot an explosion like the one that destroyed Pan Am Flight 103 last December, science magazine reports.

The magazine, the Journal for the American Association for the Advancement of Science, said the bomb detector, called Thermal Neutron Analysis

device, or TNA, is being set at a sensitivity that will uncover about 2.5 pounds (1.1 kilograms) of plastic explosives.

Science said that British experts believe the bomb that brought down Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, on Dec. 21 contained only about one pound (0.45 kilogram) of explosive. The crash killed 270 people.

A TNA bomb detector has been installed in a special building at Kennedy International Airport in New York and will go into operation for international TWA flights today, FAA officials said. The agency said that it wants US airlines to spend about half a billion dollars to install 491 of the machines at international airports over the next five years.

The bomb finder is a 10-tonne, 13-

foot-long (4-metre-long) machine. It uses neutrons, a type of sub-atomic particle, to probe luggage for the presence of nitrogen, a major component of explosives. The luggage passes through the machine on a conveyor belt and if nitrogen of a certain level is detected, the machine indicates the source, enabling operators to separate suspicious bags.

Science said the machine is so mas-

sive that it requires special construction to install, increasing the cost of deploying the machine.

A problem with the system is that some types of fabric, leather and such things as plastic ski boots can have nitrogen densities as high as explosives.

This sensitivity, the magazine said, will produce a false alarm rate of about five per cent. On a fully-loaded Jumbo

jet, such a false alarm rate would represent about 30 pieces of luggage that would require special handling, the magazine said.

Raymond Salazar, the director of the office of civil aviation security for the FAA, acknowledged that the false alarm rate for the detector that goes into operation today could be as high as five per cent, but he declined to discuss the level of sensitivity used in the device.

The report by the air accident investigation branch of the Department of Transport recommended that continental airlines review some of its safety procedures.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Pilot overreacted

LONDON, Sept. 1, (AP): The pilot of a US jumbo jet with 450 people aboard overreacted to an engine failure last February, causing the jet to fly dangerously close to the ground, a government report said Wednesday.

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### Papandreou willing

ATHENS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Greece's defence minister, Andreas Papandreou, said on Wednesday his socialist government was willing to do a deal with communists in national polls in late October.

Papandreou, whose Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) was dealt a crushing defeat in June parliamentary elections, said the socialists and the communists should join forces to keep the conservative New Democracy Party out of office.

The June 18 polls were inconclusive, with the communists emerging as power brokers, and Greece has been run since July 2 by an unrepresentative conservative-communist coalition.

### Tremor damage

ATHENS, Sept. 1, (AP): An earthquake registering 4.8 on the Richter Scale struck the region of Patras in western Greece today causing damage to 22 buildings but no injuries, police said.

The Athens Geodynamic Institute reported that the tremor occurred at 12:29 am today (21:29 GMT yesterday) with its epicentre 170 kilometres (105 miles) west of the capital, in the Peloponnese Peninsula just south of the city of Patras.

A police spokesman in Patras said that 22 buildings in the city had been damaged. Two apartment blocks suffered cracks on the ground floor, he said.

### US sergeant indicted

BONN, Sept. 1, (UPI): The West German authorities indicted a former US Army sergeant on a charge of treason for allegedly selling top secret nuclear and other military plans to communist governments in Eastern Europe, an official statement said today.

The state prosecutor's office said Clyde Lee Conrad, from Berhob, Ohio, had received over \$1 million from the Hungarians, Czechoslovak governments, for betraying US military secrets.

### Jews demonstrate

ROME Sept. 1, (Reuters): Some 500 Soviet Jews demonstrated outside the US embassy in Rome today to press demands for visas to enter the United States as refugees.

A spokeswoman for the protesters said they were stranded in Italy because the US Immigration and Naturalization Service had rejected their applications to enter as refugees from religious persecution.

### Panda gives birth

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (AP): Ling-Ling, the national zoo's giant panda who had lost all four of her previous cubs, gave birth to a tiny offspring this morning.

"It seems to be healthy," zoo spokesman Mike Morgan said of the four-ounce (112-gram) cub, whose sex was not determined immediately.

### Probe into killing

MASERU, Lesotho, Sept. 1, (AP): Lesotho's military ruler, Maj. Gen. Justin Lekhanya, pursued and shot dead a teenage student whom he suspected of committing a rape, Lekhanya's lawyer said today.

A judicial inquiry into the killing has prompted calls for the resignation of Lekhanya, who took control of the tiny southern African kingdom in a 1986 military coup.

Lekhanya said he fatally shot George Ramone, 20, a student at the Lesotho agricultural college, last Dec. 23, Lekhanya's attorney Hendrickus Laubscher told the inquest.

### 'Robo cruiser'

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (UPI): A Navy commander, engaging in mutually frank public relations, said the USS Vincennes that shot down an Iranian airliner killing 290 people had been given the derogatory nickname "Robo cruiser" for its aggressive behaviour.

Cdr. David Carlson, of the frigate USS Slides, which was in the Gulf at the time of the July 3, 1988, shooting, wrote in the September issue of the US naval institute proceedings magazine that the aggressiveness of the Vincennes, commanded by Capt. Will Rogers, was well known among naval officers in the area.

### Disaster fund

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): A British war hero launched an international disaster fund today in the hope that remembrance of two world wars on the 50th anniversary of World War Two will spur gifts for future disasters.

Group captain Leonard Christie, who won his country's highest decoration, the Victoria Cross, as one of its most famous World War Two bomber pilots, said he would like to raise five pounds (eight dollars) for each life lost in World War One and Two.

### Officials sacked

MOSCOW, Sept. 1, (Reuters): A number of senior officials in the Soviet Estonian Communist Party were replaced today in the wake of Kremlin warnings against excesses in the three Baltic republics' pursuit of political and economic autonomy.

But according to a spokesman for Estonian television, two of the top figures sacked were among the more conservative members of the Republican party leadership.

## Europe honours victims of WW II

### Nazi onslaught remembered

FRANKFURT, West Germany, Sept. 1, (Agencies): Europeans today paid solemn tribute to the millions of victims of World War II, which started exactly 50 years ago when a German warship opened fire on a tiny Polish garrison.

In Bonn, Chancellor Helmut Kohl reminded parliament and a group of special guests from Poland of the "unspeakable suffering" caused by the Germans.

Kohl said Germany bore full responsibility for the war, which began with the Nazi invasion of Poland. "Hitler wanted, planned and unleashed this war, there can be no doubt about that."

"This war ... reached a dimension of horror that had never been seen before and must never be seen again," Kohl told the audience that included Warsaw's ambassador to Bonn and a group of Polish youths. "The wounds the Second World War opened have not healed even today."

All week, European newspapers have been filled with retrospectives and commentaries on Sept. 1, 1939, the day that Hitler unleashed the conflagration that claimed more than 50 million lives and spread to all parts of the globe.



Students carry an injured colleague hit by a tear-gas cannister during an anti-apartheid rally at Johannesburg's Witwatersrand University. (Reuters wirephoto)

## South Africa arrests Tutu

### Trade unions protest labour law

CAPE TOWN, Sept. 1, (Agencies): Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu was arrested in central Cape Town today as he tried to march from his cathedral to security police headquarters to protest against the beating of clerics in an earlier demonstration.

Nobel peace prize winner Tutu, wearing a black cassock, was bundled into a yellow police truck along with two academics and a priest.

Tutu said as he was led away by a police lieutenant: "Yes we are being arrested. They told us this was an illegal march."

He was protesting against the whipping and clubbing by riot police of a racially-mixed group of about 20 clerics as they staged a placard protest outside Cape Town's security police headquarters earlier today.

The clerics were protesting against a police crackdown on dissent that has coincided with the start of a union campaign of opposition to next week's race-based parliamentary elections.

Tutu linked arms with University of the Western Cape Rector James Gerwell, coloured (mixed-race) Technical College principal Franklin Sonn and the dean of Tutu's cathedral, the Reverend Colin Jones.

They were followed by about 20 black youths who were also arrested when they displayed placards saying: "Our non-violence will overcome your violence."

Thousands of black labour union members joined the nation-wide defiance campaign today, protesting at their factories against a labour law that they say cripples their power to strike.

In Cape Town, about 100 college and university teachers were arrested for staging an illegal anti-government protest on a pedestrian mall. Police gave the protesters five minutes to disperse, then led them away.

One of the biggest union protests was at a Unilever Ltd. factory in Boksburg, east of Johannesburg, where about 1,000 workers marched around the premises, many carrying placards denouncing the year-

By the time the war was over, the Nazis had shocked the world with the extermination of 6 million Jews and the United States had forever changed warfare by dropping nuclear bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki in 1945.

"We feel sorry for the unspeakable suffering which was caused to human beings and nations in the name of the Germans and by the hand of the Germans," Kohl told a special session of the West German parliament in Bonn.

The chancellor added: "We mourn for the many innocent victims from within our own people."

His audience included a group of young Poles in the visitors gallery. They had been invited as a sign of reconciliation between West Germany and Poland, which suffered more than any other country from the Nazi atrocities.

Leaders of the once-banned Solidarity movement flanked Communist President Wojciech Jaruzelski today as he paid homage to Westerplatte, the small Polish garrison that bore the first fierce Nazi onslaught of World War II.

"On this day of great national memories we look not only into the past but also into the future, into the near future and that which is still far ahead," said Jaruzelski, dressed in his heavily brocaded army general's uniform.

"We should never again be weak, quarrelling or isolated," he said.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa and Tadeusz Mazowiecki, the union activist who last month became the first non-communist prime minister in the East bloc, joined Jaruzelski at Westerplatte. World War II began with the German warship Schleswig-Holstein's opening salvo on the Polish outpost in the then pro-German free city of Danzig, now Gdansk, at 4.45 am, Sept. 1, 1939.

"Tomorrow Poland must be stronger than today, through its economic potential and most of all through mutual effort, agreement and national reconciliation," Jaruzelski said.

Isolated from the rest of Poland, the stubborn resistance of the 182 Polish soldiers on Westerplatte inspired Poles who continued the battle against Hitler until the march into Berlin nearly six years later.

The 50 years since the last war, in which Poland lost 6 million citizens and 40 per cent of its gross national product, has been the longest span of peace in Polish history.

"Let this be an oath in this sacred place," Jaruzelski said, his voice trembling. "Poland stood the toughest trial of war with honour. On this exceptional day we have the moral right to address all nations and governments of Europe. We want to have friends close to us, and far away."

An obvious reference to the Warsaw Pact nation's efforts to reach out to the West.

"Never again war. Let us strengthen peace. Let us build our common home. This we call for."

■ Fifty years after World War II engulfed Europe, many Germans whose families were torn apart in the chaos are trying to rediscover lost pasts.

"We have received a flood of new inquiries from relatives in the last few months," said Rosemarie Held, head of the German Red Cross Search Service, a Munich organisation.

■ Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev today sent a telegram to Jaruzelski warning of the futility of future military conflict.

"It is neither confrontation nor settling of accounts, but good-neighbourliness, mutual respect and a balance of interests ... that form the only foundation on which it is possible to secure the stable development of a peaceful and secure future," the Tass news agency quoted the telegram as saying.

■ Almost half of all West Germans polled this week could not give a date for the start of the war, a leading polling institute said yesterday.

### Things can be improved in Poland, seize chance for change: Walesa urges

GDANSK, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Lech Walesa yesterday begged Poles to seize the chance offered by Solidarity's rise to power, warning on the union's ninth anniversary that one economic blow could destroy all it has achieved.

"Nine years ago I signed an agreement here which created the springboard for Solidarity and changed the course of history," Walesa told 10,000 cheering supporters in the northern city of Gdansk.

Speaking under a huge monument to



A group of Moldavian demonstrators march in the streets of Kishinev in protest at a strike called by Russian-speaking workers against a language bill. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Baltics lash out at Moscow

### Moldavian legislators wrangle over language issue

MOSCOW, Sept. 1, (Agencies): Moldavian legislators wrangled for a fourth day today over which languages should be spoken in their tiny republic, an issue that reflects widespread tension among many of the Soviet Union's ethnic groups.

In the Soviet Baltic republics, meanwhile, grassroots political groups lashed out at Moscow for criticising their campaign for independence. The Latvian organisation demanded the Kremlin recognise the region's "special economic and political status."

President Mikhail Gorbachev's reforms have unleashed long-suppressed ethnic tensions, including complaints by some of the 100 minority groups that they have been forced to use Russian, even though it is vastly different from their native tongues and is alien to their cultural heritage.

## Gonzalez calls snap elections

MADRID, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Spanish Socialist Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez called an early election today to seek a third successive term and a free hand to rein in a runaway economy.

Government spokesman Miguel Gil said King Juan Carlos signed the decree dissolving parliament at his Marivent summer palace in Majorca.

Gonzalez, 47, was to announce the date for the poll, the fifth general election since Spain returned to democracy, at a news conference later in the day.

Official sources confirmed the poll would take place on Oct. 29, seven years and a day after Gonzalez came to power with a landslide victory.

An early election had been widely expected since the ruling Socialist Workers Party (PSOE) easily won elections for the European parliament last June, but it caught the opposition in disarray.

Economists had predicted Gonzalez would seek a new mandate as he may have to impose unpopular tax increases in the autumn in order to stem rising inflation and a current account deficit.

The markets welcomed the announcement. Share prices gained strongly and the peseta, the strongest currency in the European monetary system, remained stable.

Bankers and economists said Finance Minister Carlos Solchaga had been the leading force in persuading Gonzalez to hold elections before Spain's economic miracle would turn sour.

workers shot in protests in 1970, he urged unity behind the government which his friend and adviser Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki is forming.

"We want to form a government which can change Poland and answer to Solidarity and the nation. We have a chance but it can't be fulfilled of its own accord. The people have to do it. We have to believe things can be better in Poland," he said.

"What is happening in Poland is a huge

Many ethnic Moldavians, who make up 64 per cent of the republic's population, feel their native language has been "Russified" for decades by Moscow and want it protected. But Russians and other non-Moldavians in the republic, fearing discrimination, have been on strike since last week to protest proposed language legislation.

The Moldavian supreme Soviet considered how schools, the government and businesses should implement decisions adopted yesterday to substitute Moldavian for Russian as the language of government and economic affairs. In a move to appease non-Moldavian speakers, both Russian and Moldavian were allowed in everyday life.

Tens of thousands of Moldavians poured into the streets of their capital Kishinev last night

to protest the compromises. Several thousand gathered again this morning, sources said.

"People are unsatisfied with all the compromises the deputies agreed to," said Konstantin Bogdanash, a journalist with the People's Front, which has spearheaded the campaign for preservation of the Moldavian language. Bogdanash spoke today in a telephone interview.

Vasily Nestase, another People's Front member, said ethnic Moldavians were particularly upset about the decision to allow use of both Russian and Moldavian in everyday life.

"The people are scandalised. We need only one language," he said.

Moldavian legislators had been seeking a compromise that would placate both Moldavian nationalists and Russian immigrants.

It declared Moldavian the state language, to be used in "political, economic, social and cultural affairs." Moldavia previously had no official language, but Russian was typically used in government and commerce, especially because many cities are dominated by non-Moldavians.

A third proposal, which was rejected, would have made Moldavian the language of communication among different nationalities in the republic. Many non-Moldavians do not speak Moldavian, but generally know some Russian.

■ Activists said the Communist Party leadership of Latvia on Wednesday signalled its willingness to accept competing political parties, an idea that Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has said he opposes.

## Austria expects refugees

### More E.Germans fleeing

VIENNA, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Austria said today it expected up to 4,000 more East German refugees to cross the border from Hungary but it was still unclear how and when they would arrive.

"We estimate between 3,000 and 4,000 will come, some by train, some by bus," a Foreign Ministry spokesman told Reuters.

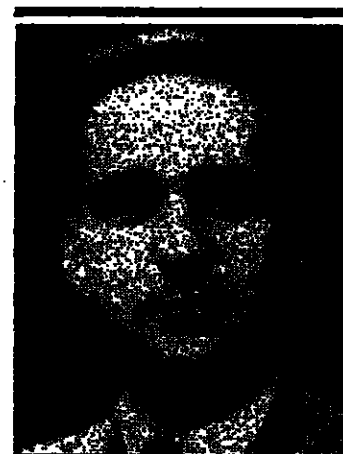
More than 6,000 East Germans have illegally crossed into Austria from neighbouring Hungary since Budapest began taking down its "iron curtain" border fence in May. Almost all of them have gone on to West Germany.

Up to 20,000 of 220,000 East Germans now staying in Hungary are estimated to want to resettle in West Germany.

Speculation that thousands of refugees could arrive at the weekend has been fuelled by the fact that most East Germans are due back at school or work on Monday after the summer break.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman said Vienna expected to receive a signal from Bonn and Budapest before a large movement of refugees took place. It will then waive normal visa regulations to facilitate the refugees' passage through Austria to West Germany.

Austria's state railways director Heinrich Ubeleis told Reuters that West Germany's state railway company had asked them to be ready by Sept 6 to



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In Budapest, however, a spokesman for the national border guards denied that security had been stepped up.

The Red Cross said it was ready to receive refugees at all of the six road border crossings with Hungary from Friday onwards.

■ East German border guards fired two shots at a man escaping over the Berlin Wall but he reached the West unscathed, the Western allies said today.

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# 160 Muslims killed in Bulgaria

ISTANBUL, Sept. 1. (Agencies): A leader of ethnic Turkish immigrants from Bulgaria, claimed yesterday that 160 people were killed in the past month in clashes between Bulgarian security forces and the Pomak minority.

Thousands had been imprisoned following

the fighting, he said.

He said his information was from reliable sources in Bulgaria but declined to identify them further, saying he did not want to endanger them.

Pomaks are a Bulgarian Muslim ethnic group numbering about 200,000.

The Associated Press, quoting diplomats in the Bulgarian capital of Sofia, reported last week that 15 people had been killed in fighting between security forces and Pomaks. The Pomaks were protesting refusal by the Sofia

government to give them passports to emigrate to Turkey, the diplomats said.

Cavus said the violence took place after Pomaks held rallies to protest the government's refusal to give them passports to emigrate.

A UN team has been on a fact-finding mission to inquire into the flight of hundreds of thousands of ethnic Turks who have flooded into Turkey, a UN spokeswoman has disclosed.

## US is behind trouble: China

25 killed in retaliation

BEIJING, Sept. 1. (Agencies):

China's police chief has accused unidentified elements in the United States and elsewhere of trying to subvert its sensitive north-west frontier region, an official newspaper reported.

Minister of Public Security Wang Fang made the unusual accusation during a recent tour of Xinjiang, a vast desert area which is home to around seven million Muslims and borders the Soviet Union.

"Unstable elements in Xinjiang, mostly separatist forces — their source being from the United States and other countries — have not given up their split and subversive secret plots," Wang said.

He was quoted in the Aug 26 edition of the Xinjiang Daily which reached Beijing today.

Wang did not elaborate but was apparently referring to occasional outbreaks of ethnic unrest among the region's Muslim minorities.

Uygurs make up the largest group of about six million people but are almost equalled in number by Han Chinese who, appointed by Beijing, effectively control the region.

"We must strengthen education about national unity," Wang ordered.

Criticism China came under formal United Nations criticism for the first time yesterday over its suppression of pro-democracy demonstration in June.

A UN human rights panel adopted a Western-backed draft resolution which, though worded mildly to improve chances of passage, put pressure on the Chinese government and appealed for clemency for those detained.

The document said the panel was "concerned about the events which took place recently in China and about their consequences in the field of human rights."

It added an appeal for clemency, especially for people detained as a result of the crackdown.

Shu Wei, one of the last students to flee Tiananmen Square, ahead of Chinese tanks and troops on that bloody day in June, now says the leaders of the pro-democracy movement should be jailed.

Zhang Lin, who took part in the hunger strikes on the vast Beijing square, said she is thankful for political education classes at her university, which gave her "a clear understanding" of the June 3-4 crackdown.

They were among a group of 13 students and officials from Qinghua University in Beijing who held a news conference today to express views of the student-led movement.

The public expressions mirrored statements in the official press by students expressing regret for being misled by "counter-revolutionaries" bent on overthrowing China's communist rule.

A Chinese youth who has taken refuge in Taiwan's embassy in Seoul because he fears prosecution at home has put the Taipei government in a diplomatic dilemma, an embassy spokesman said yesterday, in Seoul.

Prosecution

"The embassy is sort of a victim. We have a conflict between sympathy and law," said T.C. Chiang, an embassy spokesman. The 20-year-old Chinese youth, Yang Po, spent his sixth day yesterday in the embassy. He says he faces prosecution in his homeland for anti-government activity.

Work on a \$250 million contract to modernise aviation equipment on Chinese-made F-8 fighter jets continues despite President George Bush's suspension of military sales to China, the chairman of Grumman Corp. Co. said.

China accused foreign journalists yesterday of inventing rumours about the health of senior leader Deng Xiaoping who has not been seen in public for 12 weeks and has been reported to be seriously ill.

## Premadasa bid to end violence

25 killed in retaliation

COLOMBO, Sept. 1. (Agencies): President Ranasinghe Premadasa has offered to meet opposition parties and Sinhalese radicals in a bid to solve the island's ethnic strife, the government said yesterday.

The gathering will be aimed at finding "a consensus for reconciliation, peace and normalcy," government spokesman Rami Wickremesinghe told reporters.

He said Premadasa will send invitations to leaders of the 22 political parties in Sri Lanka and decide on the meeting date later.

The decision follows calls by several political parties to end violence largely inspired by the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese guerrilla group leading an anti-government campaign.

Wickremesinghe said the meeting, for leaders of those parties, "will be open to anyone else, including the People's Liberation Front."



Battling police

Some 1,500 students, hurling rocks and firebombs, battled riot police on Friday, demanding radical changes in South Korea's government.

Earlier, more than 1,800 Christian clergymen declared after an overnight prayer meeting that South Korea faces an emergency created by President Roh Tae-woo's failure to implement full democratic reforms.

At Seoul's JoongAng University, about 1,000 students battled riot police in front of their campus to press their demand that the agency for National Security Planning (NSP), the main government intelligence organisation, be disbanded. Picture shows a student hurling a petrol bomb at riot police during demonstrations. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Warrant issued against minister

PPP-IJI tussle

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 1. (KUNA): Non-bailable warrants of arrest have been issued against Federal Minister for Labour and Overseas Pakistanis Malik Mukhtar Ahmed Awan and six others for complicity in the murder of two rightist students some weeks ago.

Four activists of the Pakistan Peoples Party, including members of its students wing, the Peoples Students Federation, have already been arrested in connection with the murder of two activists of the Islami Jamaat Tulaba, the students wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami in a clash between the PPP and Jamaat supporters.

The minister was available but cannot be arrested because of legal hitch.

Multan police said Awan is a member of the National Assembly and a session of the assembly has been convened by the President of Pakistan for mid-September. The minister's arrest could take place only with the permission of National Assembly speaker.

Official sources said that even if an application is immediately submitted it would not be possible to arrest the minister since the

speaker has gone to London to attend a conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Union. He is not expected back till the second week of September.

Chief Minister of Punjab Mohammad Nawaz Sharif and Federal Minister for Provincial Coordination Ihtisham Hussain Gilani met in Lahore yesterday in a bid to end the nine-month-old confrontation between the PPP government at the centre and the IJI government in Punjab.

After the meeting Gilani told newsmen that the talks were "useful, positive and healthy as a result of which the confrontation would end. He hoped that now a 'working relationship' would be established."

Four senior journalists belonging to the English daily Pakistan Times, controlled by the federal government, have been granted bail by a Lahore court in a case filed by the industrial group owned by Nawaz Sharif.

They are: chief editor I.A. Rehman, editor Aziz Siddiqi, publisher printer Mukhtar Ali Shah and news editor Khan Abdul Majid.

## Little hope for missing 54

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Six days of search through mountainous Kashmir for a missing Pakistani airliner have left little hope of finding the 54 people on board alive.

"It's a very grim prospect now," a Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) spokesman said yesterday but added: "One cannot rule out any possibility."

At least 40 sorties by planes and helicopters have failed to find any trace of the Fokker-27, which disappeared last Friday after taking off from Gilgit for Islamabad.

A ground search is being carried out on the northern side of 8,126-metre (26,660-foot) Nanga Parbat from where the pilot sent his last radio message.

## Fighting in Cambodia to escalate after Vietnam pulls out

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept. 1. (AP): Fighting in Cambodia is likely to intensify once Vietnamese troops withdraw next month, a Thai army spokesman said yesterday.

A month-long peace conference in Paris to end the 10-year conflict concluded with little progress on Wednesday.

Vietnam, which backs the government in Phnom Penh against a three-party guerrilla coalition, plans to go ahead with its pledged troop withdrawal by Sept. 27.

Thai army spokesman Lt. Gen. Naruedol

Meanwhile, suspected pro-government groups killed 25 people in north-central Sri Lanka yesterday in retaliation for the killing of a police inspector, residents said today.

They said the victims were shot dead and their bodies dumped on the roadside at Poonawa village in Medawachchiya in the north-central province. Some were also burned.

Senior police and military officials at nearby Anuradhapura district denied the incident but some military sources confirmed privately that there had been a massacre. They could not give numbers.

The attack occurred a few hours after Ananda Ratnayake, officer-in-charge of Medawachchiya police station, was shot and killed in his jeep by suspected rebels while on patrol near the same Poonawa village.

Residents said they suspected pro-government groups, believed to include police and servicemen, were responsible for the killing.

The massacre was reported as Buddhists and Roman Catholic leaders pleaded for an end to violence in Sri Lanka.

Earlier military sources reported 25 killings in other areas in the 24 hours ending this morning. Gunmen opened fire on a bus in Negombo today killing the driver and injuring six people.

They said 70 rebels surrendered to security forces in Anuradhapura and Ratnapura in Sabaragamuwa province in the past three days.

The military sources said a Buddhist monk, 16 civilians and three security men were killed in separate attacks by leftwing rebels who lost five of their men. Ven Palipana Sri Chandananda, chief incumbent of the Aggiriya temple in central Kandy, condemned the killings and asked those responsible to stop.

The Catholic bishops' conference said all parties to the conflict should cease "all violence against human life immediately and have recourse to the human and humane way of discussion, dialogue and reconciliation."

The government on Monday warned its officials they would lose salary if they joined the strike but only 30 per cent worked attendance was reported this week in most government and private offices, officials said.

Work in telecommunications, immigration and customs departments had come to a standstill, said the officials, who declined to be identified further.

The Trade and Shipping Ministry today warned its 22,000 port workers to resume work immediately or face dismissal. The ministry said in a statement that unless the crisis in the ports ended there would be economic chaos in the country.

At least 5,000 people have died in the Front's campaign launched in 1987 to protest the deployment of Indian peacekeeping troops in the northeast and the government's peace overtures to Tamil militants.

Defence Secretary Gen. Sepala Attiyagalle said that government troops were progressing in their operations against the Sinhalese radicals.

it said. A transcript of the broadcast was received in Bangkok yesterday.

The guerrilla coalition, which includes the radical communist Khmer Rouge, operates from a string of base camps along the Thai border.

The Khmer Rouge, led by Pol Pot, killed hundreds of thousands of Cambodians during its rule between 1975 and 1978. Western analysts consider them the strongest coalition faction.



High-flying stunt

Father and son, Johnny (right) and Tony Kazian perform a stunt on the wing of their Waco bi-plane over the city centre of Cleveland. The family duo were promoting the Cleveland National Air Show which starts Sept. 2. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Lesser US role in Japan sought

TOKYO, Sept. 1. (Agencies): The Japan Socialist Party will seek to reduce the US defence role in this country as well as continue to oppose military force, nuclear weapons and atomic power, party chairman Takako Doi said today.

The Socialist chairwoman, who presides over Japan's largest opposition party, also told reporters at the Foreign Correspondents Club of Japan that her party was investigating allegations of dubious political donations from pinball parlour owners.

"We are investigating that allegation and will react in specific terms when we know the facts," Doi said in response to questions about stories in a weekly magazine alleging financial links between her party and a group of Pachinko parlour owners.

The articles in the popular weekly Shukan Bunshun alleged some Socialist legislators had received substantial donations from the group.

The Socialists also charged the biggest winner in July's elections for parliament's upper house, could lead a coalition government if the Liberal Democrats lose their majority in parliament's lower house.

The party recently softened its anti-military stance — long criticised as unrealistic — in an attempt to draw other opposition parties into a unified coalition. But Doi said the Socialists still favoured reducing the US military presence in Japan through negotiations with Washington.

"Japan is the country that experienced Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Also it's become an international public consensus to work for disarmament," she told reporters at the foreign correspondents club of Japan.

Doi said earlier this week in an interview with the Australian newspaper Sydney Morning Herald that she would be the United States from carrying nuclear weapons into Japanese territory.

But she appeared to moderate her position today.

"Unless we agree through diplomatic channels we won't be able to do anything one-sidedly," Doi said.

The United States clearly recognizes Japan's non-nuclear principles and the security treaty provides for prior consultations "before such weapons can be brought into Japan."

Japan, the only nation to have experienced atomic attacks, prohibits making, storing or allowing nuclear weapons into its territory.

Doi said her party favoured:

- Reducing Japan's welfare policies.
- Reducing its dependence on nuclear power generation, which now supplies 30 per cent of Japan's total energy needs.
- Increasing the input of women at all levels of society, including politics.

Doi said talk continued on forming a coalition with other parties, including the Democratic Socialist Party, the Buddhist-affiliated Komeito (clean government party) and the United Social Democratic Party.

Newly-minted Japanese Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu may follow his predecessors and reaffirm the 37-year-old US-Japan security treaty in his meeting with President George Bush today but analysts say the pact has become outdated.

## NEWS IN BRIEF



Cholera outbreak

Six Vietnamese boat people were confirmed as having cholera and another 15 were under observation in hospital today, triggering fears of an epidemic in Hong Kong's often squashed camps.

Three new cases were confirmed yesterday, adding to three diagnosed on Wednesday. A government spokesman said 15 people suspected of having contracted the disease were under observation in hospital.

Picture shows a Vietnamese boat child infected with cholera taken into a hospital. (Reuter wirephoto)



Released

Leah Tutu (right), the wife of Archbishop Desmond Tutu was released on Thursday. She was arrested along with 200 other women who tried to march against South African repression. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Ties upgraded

BUENOS AIRES, Sept. 1. (UPI): Argentina and Britain upgraded their interest sections in London and Buenos Aires yesterday in the latest step toward re-establishing diplomatic relations, severed during the Falkland Islands war of 1982.

"There is a great satisfaction on both sides," said Matias Ordonez, chief of cabinet at the Argentine Foreign Ministry after he met with Alan Hunt, the top British diplomat stationed in Buenos Aires.

Jose Maria Otegui, head of the Foreign Ministry's department for Malvinas (Falklands) and South Atlantic Affairs, was host to the meeting.

## India to develop

NEW DELHI, Sept. 1. (KUNA): India will be the first country in the world to develop thorium enriched fuel, according to official sources here.

The sources said that the development and testing of uranium 233 fuel plates at the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre in Bombay recently, India has come nearer to the utilisation of its vast thorium resources in generating power.

Thorium, available in plenty on the country's beaches, is not itself a nuclear fuel but has to be irradiated with fast neutrons to convert it into uranium 233 having a high burning efficiency.

## Leader elected

JAKARTA, Sept. 1. (Reuters): Indonesia's only Muslim-based political party has chosen a man known for his religious devotion as leader, despite calls from the country's senior leaders to diminish its Islamic leanings.

The United Development Party (PPP) has lost favour with Indonesians in recent years, but political analysts said yesterday's election could reverse that trend.

Ismail Hassan Metaram will lead the PPP for the next five years, replacing the flamboyant Jailany Naro who

## Expulsion ordered

TOKYO, Sept. 1. (AP): Japan issued its first deportation order Wednesday for Chinese job-seekers who landed here pretending to be Vietnamese refugees, officials said.

The first order was for Xu Wenming, 30, who admitted he boarded a Vietnamese refugee boat in hopes of finding a job in Japan, said Hideo Daian, spokesman of the Justice Ministry's Immigration Office in Fukuoka, on the southernmost main island of Kyushu.

Xu, considered an illegal immigrant, was among six Chinese discovered among 107 Vietnamese who arrived in southwestern Japan aboard a wooden boat on May 29, Daian said.

## Narcotics haul

TOKYO, Sept. 1. (AP): Police today announced the country's second biggest haul of illegal stimulant narcotics, saying they seized 13.27 kilograms (29.19 pounds) of drugs with an estimated street value of \$15.5 million dollars.

Arrested on suspicion of drug possession were Paik Chong-Soon, 37, a South Korean national, and Frank Tsui, 47, a Chinese-American, said police spokesman Teruchi Nakamura in Tokyo.

The seizure is second to the confiscation last April of 151 kilograms (332.2 pounds) of stimulant drugs in Fukuoka, southwestern Japan, according to police records.

## Chemical explosion

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Sept. 1. (AP): A chemical warehouse in a residential area exploded today, killing seven people including two pregnant women, police said.

Police in Taichung, about 160 kilometres (100 miles) southwest of Taipei, said the pre-dawn blast was caused by chemicals and other materials stored in the warehouse. The victims were all residents living in nearby houses struck by the force of the blast, police said. They said three residents were hospitalised with serious burns.

## Giant mooncake

BANGKOK, Thailand, Sept. 1. (AP): A team of 100 people in Bangkok have baked a 3.5-metre Chinese mooncake — 22 feet (6.7 metres) in diameter — which they say is the largest ever made.

Mooncakes, made of sweet pastry and decorated with Chinese characters, are traditionally given as symbols of goodwill in Chinese communities to mark the lunar festival.

The festival, Sept. 14, commemorates Chinese Empress Chang Euh, who according to legend ascended to the moon to watch over and protect mankind from tyranny.

## Unanimously re-elected

SINGAPORE, Sept. 1. (AP): Members of parliament yesterday unanimously re-elected president Wee Kim Wee for a second four-year term.

"He is an outgoing person and has reached out to a wide range of people by taking an active interest in community activities and organisations," Prime Minister Lee Kuan Yew said in nominating Wee for re-election.

Wee received the votes of both opposition members of the 81-member parliament — Chiam See Tong of the Singapore Democratic Party and Lee Siew Choh of the Workers Party.

## Prisoners escape

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Sept. 1. (AP): Three young prisoners took this nation's freedom day literally yesterday, escaping from a parade held to mark the holiday.

Police said the three were from the Henry Gurney School for juvenile prisoners and were participating as part of the school's band in yesterday's parade.

## Arms accord approved

GENEVA, Sept. 1. (AP): Officials in Washington and Moscow have approved a draft US-Soviet accord on how to inspect chemical arms sites when the weapons are eventually banned, a US negotiator said Wednesday.

Superpower negotiators in Geneva meanwhile completed a proposed agreement on guidelines for the destruction of chemical weapons stockpiles and installations over a 10-year period, US envoy Max Friedersdorf said.

## Turmoil in Burma

### Eleven to die

RANGOON, Sept. 1. (AP): A military tribunal has sentenced 11 people to death for beheading four policemen during last year's political turmoil, a state-owned newspaper reported today.

The Working Peoples Daily said they were among 25 people convicted of being part of a mob that attacked a police station in Taungtha, northwest Burma.

The newspaper said the mob beheaded the four policemen, took others hostage, stole arms and burned the police stations. It did not give the date of the attack.

On Wednesday, the court sentenced 11 defendants to death and five to life imprisonment, the newspaper said. Another eight were sentenced to 10 years hard labour and one to five years with hard labour.

Millions of people took to the streets in Burma last year demanding an end to a quarter century of authoritarian rule. The military crushed the protests last September and has ruled by martial law ever since.



# Kuwait, Egypt agree to step up co-operation

## Collective settlement for Third World debt proposed

Kuwait and Egypt have agreed to strengthen co-operation following a three-day visit by HH the Amir of Kuwait, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, to Cairo.

The joint statement, winding up the talks, the two sides expressed satisfaction at the "positive" trend of bilateral co-operation and agreed to "take the necessary steps" to further broaden relations.

It highlighted progress on projects being financed in Egypt by the Kuwait

Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) and said the two sides had agreed to explore possibilities for implemented further schemes.

### Trade

Kuwait has already agreed to extend a \$33.7 million soft loan to Egypt to finance an iron and steel project, while under a separate trade agreement customs privileges in both countries will be improved.

HH the Amir was in Egypt on his first visit in 14 years, as part of efforts to boost bilateral ties.

Trade between the two states amounted to \$37 million last year. Egyptian exports to Kuwait include fruit, vegetables, tobacco and medicines, while Kuwait supplies Egypt with electrical and household goods.

Kuwaiti investments in Egypt are estimated to be higher than those by any other Arab country.

The joint statement pointed out that HH the Amir expressed confidence that the election of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak as Chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) would strengthen Afro-Arab co-operation.

It also said that President Mubarak had paid tribute to the work of the HH the Amir in his capacity as Chairman of the Organisation of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

The statement noted that the two

leaders had discussed the foreign debt problem in developing countries and stressed the need for the United Nations General Assembly to reach a "collective settlement, acceptable to all."

Hope was also expressed by both sides that the forthcoming summit of the Non-Aligned Movement would "take a step towards upgrading its methods in handling important issues and to cope with developments in the international arena."



Amir arrested

Security forces arrested two young men for carrying out a robbery. The men, identified as Ahmad H. Al-Jarrah and Ala M. Al-Jarrah, were arrested for committing four robberies in which they stole cash and valuables. The two accused also showed detectives part of the stolen goods. They were referred to authorities for further investigation.

# Total GCC national manpower only 18pc

## Productive workers for development

TOTAL manpower of the GCC states accounts for only 18 per cent of total manpower, according to statistics undertaken in 1986.

All GCC states are equally affected by this shortage of their national manpower in all sectors, according to Dr. Youssef Khalil, professor at the Faculty of Political Sciences and Economy at the UAE University. Statistics, he said, indicated that the national population in the UAE amounted to only 26 per cent of the total population, in Qatar it totalled 27 per cent and in Kuwait 40 per cent, according to statistics taken in 1986. (It was, however, announced in Kuwait officially this year that the Kuwaiti population does not exceed 28 per cent of the total population).

The official added that the national manpower in the UAE does not exceed 12 per cent of the total manpower, in Bahrain it is only 43 per cent, in Kuwait 19 per cent, Saudi Arabia 8 per cent, Oman 13 per cent and Qatar 41

per cent. As a consequence of the manpower resources in the GCC states being very limited, participation of the national manpower in the GCC states will remain very limited. Khalil attributed this to the fact that 41 per cent of the Gulf citizens are under 15 years of age and cannot as yet contribute to the workforce.

He went on to state that due to an increase in revenues from the oil income Gulf citizens prefer to work in the government sector and escape from the uncertainties of the economic crisis which has affected the private sector since the 1980's.

Khalil pointed out that the GCC states still depend on a great extent on oil income and this is not a healthy situation since oil is a finite source. Additionally, he commented that we should not forget the oil crisis which appeared in the beginning of the 1980's and its consequences. As a result, the development programmes and projects in the GCC states are

still adversely affected. The major obstacle to the GCC state's development projects is the low percentage of national manpower compared to expatriates.

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti Minister of Planning, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Awadi has said that Kuwait is the only Arab country in which the non-Kuwaiti individual enjoys the right of having permanent residence as long as he works. He added that any proposal related to granting to permanent residence for non-Kuwaitis (as long as the individual is working) because every human being has the right to enjoy stability.

The coming plans, the official said will encourage productive workers who are needed for development projects. This will lead to evolving the principle of selective immigration. Translated, this would mean that manpower will be brought into the country which would enhance development projects.

# Poisoned firemen safe and healthy

THE General Fire Department has said that all firemen who took part in the rescue operation of a child drowning in a swamp in the Al-Hamra governorate are safe and sound.

An official source at the department congratulated the men for fulfilling their duties with unstinting effort.

The fire-fighters Association has previously demanded an immediate investigation into the incident which it said caused the poisoning of a number of firemen.

The General Fire Department replied that all firemen who took part in the rescue operation are in good health and that medical examinations have proved that they are free of any toxins. The report submitted by the department added that firemen are expected to be exposed to dangers while on duty and in some conditions their lives may be at stake. The department also pointed out that safety precautions are applied at every incident to protect firemen from risk.

A number of children who were swimming at the swamp attached to the Petrochemicals Company in Sabahiya area did not show any signs of toxic contamination yet, but the sign provided beside the swamp is not legible enough to warn children and firemen, the department added.

Investigators however have found the water in the swamp is contaminated and the Petrochemicals Company was contacted to tell them of the level of poison rate and the degree of danger which firemen may be exposed to while on duty. Company officials stressed that there is no immediate danger on the health of firemen. The fire brigade command was not satisfied, however, and the swamp was ordered drained before firemen could dredge the bottom and take away the drowned child.

Firemen who participated in the rescue were hosed down and then sent to the hospital for medical examinations. The Mubarak Hospital medical staff submitted a report after conducting medical tests on the firemen that all of them are in good health.

### Diplomatic ties

MANAMA, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Bahrain and Yugoslavia Thursday agreed on establishing diplomatic relations at the level of non-resident ambassadors, Gulf News Agency (GNA) has reported.

# Fence transfer order creates problems for camel owners

By Nawaf Al-Hamili

LARGE number of camel owners in Abdullah Port have complained about the last warning issued by the Municipal Administration calling on them to transfer their fences to another allotted area in Wafta.

The municipality's decision has evoked reactions from owners particularly since they are being imposed to daily pressures from the municipality with regards to vacating them from the current area before Sept. 2, 1989.

Some owners stressed that vacating their current fenced areas will cause them considerable financial difficulties, in addition to the fact that they have taken a lot of trouble and faced many hardships in order to stabilise themselves at the current location.

Another section of camel breeders considered the municipality decision to be unfair adding that it opposes the principle of supporting livestock wealth in the country. Some of the owners have already

retired from their jobs and have been working in this field for years earning an honest living. Another group of owners indicated that breeding livestock is considered one of the most important resources of animal wealth. They said that their profession represents an important part in their life because it is self entertaining and a good way to spend leisure time.

Al-Seyassah visited Abdullah Port Area where camel fences are seen in large numbers and interviewed a number of owners to highlight their reactions.

Mohammed Awadh said that owners are subject to considerable pressure by some municipality employees. He indicated that they have been warned daily and warned to move from the current location in Abdullah Port Area. He hoped that the Municipal Administration will rescind the decision because he said that most breeders have dedicated their lives to this job and camel breeding is their only source of income.

# Preparations on Second GCC conference on petrochemicals in March

THE GCC General Secretariat and the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co. of Bahrain began their preparations to host the second GCC Petrochemicals and Chemical Fertilizers marketing conference scheduled to be held in Manama in March next year. The conference aims at discussing matters of mutual importance related to sides involved in marketing petrochemicals and fertilisers in GCC states.

It also aims at increasing co-ordination between the petrochemical industries in GCC and marketing authorities. The conference will also discuss co-ordination between the GCC marketing authorities concerning exports to international markets. The conference will also discuss issues relating to encouraging petrochemical exports, ways to promote bank financing to such exports and invite public and private establishments to invest in this field and in petrochemical industries.

### Review

General Manager of the Gulf Petrochemical Industries Co., Mustafa Ali said that the conference will review a number of study papers, including a paper on the challenges of the 90s in the field of petrochemicals in the GCC states. He added that the conference will discuss the role of the manufacturing companies in developing local industry. He added that the conference will also discuss investment opportunities in small and medium scale petrochemical projects in the GCC states. It will review the marketing experience in petrochemical products gained by the GCC states.

### Open seminar

He said that an open seminar will be organised during the conference to discuss sea and land transportation facilities for carrying petrochemical products. He said that representatives of transport companies, petrochemical manufacturing companies and customs and ports officials from the GCC states will take part in the seminar.

Ali added that the conference will also discuss the role of banks and financing establishments in developing petrochemical projects and exports and the role of the GCC insurance companies in helping GCC petrochemical projects and exports. He said that the conference comes at the recommendation of the GCC Industrial co-operation Committee.

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# Action Line

I'M a housemaid. I came to Kuwait in 1986 on visa No. 20. Now I have been offered a better job with one of the catering companies and my sponsor does not want to give me a release. Can I change my visa without the knowledge of my sponsor? What can I do in case, my employer finds out. Please advise.

Eileen Roberto.

YOU cannot change your visa No. 20 to visa No. 18 inside the country without the knowledge of your sponsor. First you have to talk to him in a friendly manner in order to cancel your iqama and leave the country. After you have left the country you can come back with the new visa No. 18.

I CAME to Kuwait on visa no. 18 in 1983, then I brought my wife on a dependent visa three months later. The management of the hotel told her that she first has to cancel her dependent visa and come back in order to join them. Is there any violation of the law if she works in that hotel without transferring her visa, what shall we do in this case?

D.S. Simon.

ANY person on a dependent visa is not allowed to work in the government or the private sector. It is against the law for a dependent visa holder to work in the private sector without changing the visa to No. 18. In her case she has to cancel her dependent visa at the Immigration Department and leave the country. After that she can come back on a visa No. 18 provided by the hotel. Then she will be eligible to work in Kuwait at the hotel without breaking the rules.

I'M AN Indian working in Kuwait as a driver with a Kuwaiti family since five years with a salary of KD45. This year I got married and my wife insisted on coming to Kuwait on a dependent visa. The rule here does not allow husbands working in the private sector to sponsor their wives unless they earn a salary of KD600. I'm in big trouble and my wife threatens to file a divorce against me if I do not bring her on a dependent visa to Kuwait. What can I do?

J.G. Mathew.

THE rules here state that any husband who wants to sponsor his wife should obtain at least a salary of KD 600. It is very difficult in your case to sponsor your wife. Your wife should realize that these are the rules here. You can write and explain to her the regulations and rules regarding sponsorship of wives by their husbands.

I'M an Indian who worked in Kuwait for more than ten years. I am earning a salary of K864. This year, my mother who is 79 years old, fell ill. There is no one to look after her there. Can I bring her on a dependent visa?

NO! the rules only allow a husband to sponsor his wife and children. However, you can bring your mother to Kuwait for one month on a visit visa. The visit visa is valid for one month. But that does not mean you can change the visit visa to a dependent visa.

I'M WORKING in Kuwait in one of the automobile companies with a monthly salary of KD470. I was married two years ago to my wife who is holding a domestic visa No. 20. At the beginning of this year we faced a problem of sponsoring our new born baby boy who was born in Sri Lanka.

I went to the Immigration Department to apply for a dependent visa for my son and it was rejected. My wife who can not leave Kuwait to look after our son insisted on bringing him here on my sponsorship. Is there any possible way to bring my son here in case I took another part time job in order to meet the required salary ceiling. Please help me.

P. Shoufari.

COMBINED salaries can not be counted towards meeting the required salary ceiling of KD600 in the private sector to sponsor your son. In your case it would be better if your son can stay in your home country with his grandmother who can look after him.

I'M a mother of three sons and at the same time I am working in a private company. My husband is working as an engineer in the government sector. I wanted to bring a domestic helper to look after my sons. I contacted one of the recruitment agencies and they helped me to choose one. What is the procedure for the entry visa for a housemaid?

Safat Hammad.

FIRST you have to approach the Immigration Department which can provide you with an application form. You have to fill the form for entry visa and, including the clear full name of the housemaid, her nationality, place and date of birth and religion.

Other required documents include your marriage certificate, salary certificate from the place of the work newly issued, a photocopy of Civil ID and a photocopy of the domestic helper's passport. The Immigration Department generally does not allow sponsors to bring in maids of their own nationality. It would be advisable to choose a maid of another nationality to avoid any inconvenience.

I HAVE a problem since I lost my passport in a taxi. I cannot renew my iqama because of that. Please advise where to go and what are the required documents?

T. Tahal.

ENTRY and residence information are not transferred from the missing passport to the new one except after taking the following procedures:

A letter from the sponsor stating that the passport is missing. A letter from the holder of the missing passport stating that his passport is missing.

Holder of the passport should present himself personally to the Immigration Department to make sure that the Passport Investigation Department is not keeping the passport for one reason or another.

The missing passport notice should be printed in the Gazette Kuwait Al-Yaum through the General Immigration Department. "Notice" in case of passport being damaged or lost, the holder should notify the Immigration Department three days from the date of loss or damage of the passport. This is according to Article (8) of Expatriate Residence Act Number 7 for the year 1959.

I CAME to Kuwait on a domestic visa in 1981. In 1989 I transferred my visa to No. 18 when I joined work in a hotel. My services were terminated after two months for having overstayed. I managed to get my visa transferred to another company, but have not got a job until now. I'm Christian and wanted to bring a family friend (Muslim) to Kuwait on a visit visa. Could you inform me about the required salary ceiling for visit visa, the validity of the visit visa and whether it can be extended. Does it have to be a relative in order to bring him?

Mrs C.

IN YOUR case a person should be a relative. You will need a documentary evidence to say he is a relative.

According to Col Ahmed Al-Wohab, director general of the General Immigration Administration, in July, 1989, during an interview with one of the Arabic dailies, he said that the law totally prohibits the extension of visit visas. New visas can be issued and the person is required to leave Kuwait at the expiry of the visit visa and may come on a new one. When asked about pre-condition for family visit visas, Wohab said, there are no conditions for the salary — "without specifying".

I HAVE been working in one of the commercial banks in Kuwait for almost 37 years. My daughter who is holding a student's degree, had her valid dependent visa until May 5th, 1989. She could not renew it in Kuwait because she is on a US university training sponsorship. I am told that the 21 years age limit applies to boys but not to dependent daughters, is it true? Can I apply for a fresh dependent visa for her single and not yet 23 years old? Would the position be different if my daughter was less than 21 years old?

ACCORDING to Col Ahmed Wohab's interview with one of the dailies here in July, 1989, he said that boys who reach 21 years of age, even if they are studying abroad, cannot get their residence permits renewed. This applies to males who attain the age of 21 and are still in Kuwait. This rule does not apply to females who can get the benefit so long as their sponsor (parents) continue to legally live in the country.

In your case you have to apply for a new dependent visa for your daughter, with old documents showing her expired iqama and a letter from the university. There is no change in obtaining dependent visas for wives and children. Private sector employees must get a monthly salary of KD600 to sponsor family members.

If you have a problem drop a line to Action Line, Arab Times P.O. Box 2270, 13023, Safat, Kuwait. Or Fax your questions to Tel. No. 4847495.

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# KD1.3m social welfare during July

## 10,316 families benefit

A TOTAL of 10,316 families benefitted from aid extended by the government during the month of July, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

It added that government aid during the month amounted to about KD1.3 million and covered several sections of the community including old people, students, widows, orphans, divorcees and disabled

in addition to families of prisoners. Speaking of the ministry's activities during the month, the report disclosed that the ministry had formed about 16 units to serve 92 residential areas. The report said that 135 military staff receive the necessary financial aid from the Ministries of Interior and Defence during the same month.

The report added that 9,849 families benefitted from the rent allowance exten-

ded by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour during the month which amounted to about KD one million.

With regard to the social care beneficiaries, the report said that about 978 citizens had benefited from the service.

Meanwhile, an official source at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour was quoted as saying that the ministry's four Labour Departments had issued by the

Capital Labour Department, 1,850 by Hawalli Labour Department, 1,263 by Ahmadi Labour Department and 465 by Jahra Labour Department.

The four departments had issued about 5,753 work permits during the said month with 1,948 issued by the Capital Labour Department, 2,385 by Hawalli Labour Department, 1,071 by Ahmadi Labour Department and 349 by Jahra Labour Department.

# All governorates to receive 101 service

Keep calls short request

By Fawzi Al Tamimi

THE director of the Domestic Telephone Network at the Ministry of Communications, Waleed Khaled Al Bahr, has said that the ministry will provide all the country's governorates with the subscriber 101-operator information service as of next year.

He told Seyassah/Arab Times in the course of an exclusive interview that the proposed step is intended to alleviate pressure on the 101-operator service. Commenting, he said that the failure of this service to meet the excessive public demand is attributable to public misuse of this service.

The distribution of this excessively-pressured service over all five governorates in the country is intended to enable all subscribers to gain access to 101-line and reduce pressure on the telephone staff operating within this service.

### Progress

The proposed step falls in line with ministry's efforts to fully carry out the ongoing national administrative development, in line with directives from high government officials. Part of this work is to merge a number of existing ministry departments into one whereby the result would be better work progress, higher performance level and improved services.

The merger incorporates the departments of Centrals Maintenance, Central Construction, Connection Lines and Tele-

phone Network under the name of Domestic Telephone Network Department.

Bahr said that the new department consist of five controls: the Electronic and Digital Centrals, Cross-Bar Central, Interior Centrals, Electronic Information Service Index, and Operators Controls, and that the maintenance services needed for operation systems were determined by the frequency of failures through periodical regular check-ups, especially those phoned-in by subscribers.

Additionally, another series of regular tests conducted were aimed at constantly developing the technical and professional performance of operating systems, the official said.

### Upgrade

He added that similar technical service were carried out on a regular basis at the international operators systems whereby failures would be rectified and the ever-increasing demand of international subscribers met. This is in keeping with government directives to constantly develop the level of public subscriber services and meet increasing demand for diverse quality services.

Bahr pointed out that large sums of money were disbursed by the ministry to develop and upgrade its public and subscriber services in the field of communications, and that subscriber telephone misuse was liable to penal measures in line with the penal code applied in this respect.

There is close co-operation by the ministry with the Ministry of the Interior in the field of application of measures intended to put a stop to telephone-service abuse. All nuisance calls will be traced to the source and subsequent punitive measures would be taken against the person in whose name the service line is registered.

Therefore, he added, subscribers are advised to understand that the line is their responsibility and that any nuisance calls made via their line whether international or domestic will entail legal and financial measures.

He also urged subscribers to refrain from making unnecessarily long calls which would step up pressure on operating lines and dislocate services at the relevant central.

The ministry will under such circumstances have to disconnect the line of the subscriber whose line is involved in making nuisance calls if such incidents were frequent.

He referred to the technical drop-below acceptable level of the operational efficiency, which, he said, contributed a budgetary burden represented in huge salaries paid to the involved staff without tangible returns to the national budget.

The existing low technical level resulted from a lack of professional maintenance and operational know-how exhibited by the technical staff and their inability to face up to the latest developments and technological advances in this field.

## Guard stabs headmistress

By Salem Al Wawan

A PRINCIPAL of a private school in Juleb Al Shiyookh area was stabbed several times in various places by the school's watchman last Tuesday. According to informed sources the watchman did not receive his salary from the school owners, but all his demands went in vain.

Annoyed by this, the watchman stabbed the school principal. She was admitted to Farwaniya Hospital for treatment of serious wounds. The watchman was arrested by the police.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Transport meet

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Communication Ministry's Assistant Undersecretary for Transportation Affairs Saqar Al Soudan is to leave here tomorrow for Bucharest, heading an official delegation to participate in the third meeting of the joint Kuwaiti-Romanian Commission.

The meeting, due to be held there September 4-9, will debate implementation of an accord to streamline transport of passengers and goods between the two countries.

The joint Kuwaiti-Romanian Commission had first met in 1981 in Bucharest.

### Contract signed

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (KUNA): The Minister of Public Works, Ibrahim Al-Houti, Wednesday signed a KD3.4 million contract for the construction and maintenance of a security compound at the project of the Divans of HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier and the Council of Ministers.

Duration of the contract is 546 days.

### Narcotics meet

MANAMA, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Narcotics directors in the Gulf Co-operation Council member states meet here Monday to discuss a joint information programme on the harms of narcotics.

The enlightening programme had been prepared by the GCC secretariat in co-operation with member countries.

During the two-day meeting, conferees will discuss a number of other topics including a unified anti-narcotics law, exchange of information and qualifying of drug-combatting officers.

A report on the outcome of the meeting will be referred to the GCC interior ministers' upcoming conference next October.

### Acquittal

KUWAIT'S Court of Misdemeanour has acquitted a supervisor employed by the Ministry of Education on charges of unintentionally causing the death of two boys.

As per investigations, the court was told that the supervisor had ordered the two boys to extinguish the light of the candles, prior to their going to bed. However, the victims who were smoking, left the candles on and fell asleep. The resulting fire which erupted from their cigarettes engulfed the tent and caused the death of the victims.

### Student allowance

THE Director of Cultural Relations Department at Kuwait's Ministry of Education, Salem Al Roumi was quoted as saying that the scholarship amounts allocated for Kuwaiti students studying abroad will be increased. In an interview with a local daily, the official said that the increase has been designed to meet increasing cost of living in various countries students study.

According to the new procedures students studying at UAE will be entitled to KD125 per month, while students in Iraq will be entitled to KD140 per month and in the other Arab countries and social countries students will be entitled to KD95 per month and KD105 for students studying in Europe.



Salem leaves for Tripoli

Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem left Kuwait for Tripoli. Sheikh Salem led an official delegation representing HH the Amir to the celebrations of the 20th anniversary of the Libyan Revolution.

## From the courts

# Life imprisonment for homosexual murderer

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to life imprisonment to be followed by another four years. The court further ordered his deportation on serving both sentences. The accused was convicted of sexually assaulting a young man under 21 years, stabbing him to death and then setting fire to his house to cover up his crime.

The court was told that the accused was having illicit relations with the deceased. On the night of the incident, he stabbed him with a knife several times until the young man died and then he put him inside his house and set it on fire in an attempt to cover up his crime. The family of the deceased, who were staying on Failaka Island left the island few days before the incident and the deceased was alone.

The Failaka police officer told the court that after receiving information that a fire erupted in the house of the deceased, he went there and found the charred body. After carrying out the necessary investigation, he found that the deceased was not of good conduct and he had illicit relations with several people including the accused. He said that he came to know that the accused was at Mubarak Al Kabir Hospital. He questioned him there and the accused admitted that he had homosexual relations with the deceased and also confessed to murdering him.

During interrogations, the accused said that he went to the deceased to ask him to return KD40 he had borrowed. When he refused, the accused added, the deceased threatened to inform the accused's family about their homosexual relations. Then the deceased went inside and brought a knife and tried to murder him, the accused claimed. He added that he then took the knife from him and stabbed him several times until he died. Then he set fire to the house. In the court the accused pleaded guilty and said he acted in self defence. But the court ruled out this possibility and added that the situation of the incident gives the impression that the accused was determined to kill the victim.

### Kidnap and sexual assault

THE Criminal Court sentenced a man to 10 years imprisonment with labour and another to four years imprisonment and labour for kidnapping and sexually molesting two young boys. The first man was

accused of deceiving the two boys and taking them to a divaniya where the second accused was waiting.

The court was told that the mother of the two boys sent them to the co-operative society to buy some commodities. The mother waited for a long time but the boys did not return. The two boys having found the co-operative society closed down were on their way back home, when a man named AA, who is a friend of their elder brother found them. He asked them to go with him because he wanted to give them some casseroles to give to their brother. As soon as they entered the divaniya, the man pushed one of them into the bathroom and sexually assaulted him. The second accused meanwhile took the second boy and did the same. The two boys went home and told their mother who informed the police.

The two accused denied the charges but the court said that all the documents and testimonies supplied were enough to prove their misdeed.

### Brothers murder sister

THE Criminal Court has sentenced a man and his brother, to ten years rigorous imprisonment for murdering their sister.

The court heard by Judge Mohammed Samir Murad was told that the elder brother gave himself up to the Umm Al Himan Police Centre and confessed that he had shot his sister with his pistol. He said that he fired four shots and then stabbed her with a knife to ensure that she was dead.

He claimed that his sister was a woman of loose moral character and had married several times without the knowledge of the family. His brother guarded the front door of his sister's house and he entered through the opening of the air conditioner.

The court in its decision took into consideration the relationship of the criminals with the victim and her bad reputation which violated the traditions and values of Arab society.

The two convicts were ordered to be deported after completion of sentence.

Meanwhile, the Interior Ministry said yesterday that a dead body of a man was found in a school in Salamiya. It added that the dead man was identified as Mansour S., a South Yemeni and his body was found between a wall and a chalet (prefabricated house). It said that investigations are being conducted to determine the cause of death.

## Intifada prime issue in Kuwait, says Jaber

CAIRO, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Kuwait's Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah hailed the deep Kuwaiti-Egyptian relations and asserted that the recent visit to Egypt by His Highness the Amir would certainly yield fruitful results.

Sheikh Jaber, in an interview with the Egyptian weekly magazine "Al-Khur Sa'a" said the Palestinian question is a major issue in Kuwait's policy.

Since the outbreak of the Palestinian uprising in the occupied land, HH the Amir sent messages to Islamic countries' leaders exposing Israeli atrocities and brutalities against the Palestinian people and urging the leaders to take all possible measures to halt the Zionist crimes, he said.

Kuwait, added the minister, took part in all UN Security Council attempts to bring Israeli practices to a halt, extended financial support to the Intifada and paid all its commitments in this regard that had been determined by the Algiers Arab Summit.

He also noted that Kuwait had produced and distributed a film on the uprising in three languages to expose Israeli atrocities against the Palestinians.

Replying to a question, Sheikh Jaber said censorship on the Kuwaiti press is restricted to the need for respect of Arab heads of state as well as the country's ties with other states and respect of religions.

On the current no peace and no war situation between Iraq and Iran, the minister said repercussions of the eight-year-old war can never be expected to come to an end in a single day. The present state of "no war" between the two countries is in itself a good step because it means a halt to bloodshed, but as for peace it will be reached sooner or later.

Over Kuwait's relations with the two countries, Sheikh Jaber said following the ceasefire in the Gulf war Kuwait and Tehran resumed normal diplomatic relations, but as for the Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations he described them as fraternal and have not been affected by any issue raised at any time.

Praising the efficiency of Egyptian-made arms, the minister said Kuwait purchased Egyptian weaponry after it was certain that such arms were as efficient as any other imported weapons.

## Housing authority

# 4,368 houses in Umm Al Haiman

By Nash'at Al Agha

THE assistant director general for design and planning at the National Housing Authority (NHA) Ali Al Fozan has described the Umm Al Haiman Redevelopment Project as one of the biggest projects to be implemented within the framework of the NHA's fourth plan 1990/91.

He told Seyassah/Arab Times that the total project site area is 533 hectares and that the NHA has already finished evaluating the existing public services and facilities in the area with the relevant government agencies, including Kuwait Municipality, and involved service ministries.

Fozan said that the NHA had also finished a series of studies on the project site aimed at identifying the appropriate density levels, number of blocks to be provided and percentage of different land uses covered by the project.

The project has received due attention from NHA top officials and fervent follow-up by citizens. It involves the building of 4,368 government houses all constructed in the Arab traditional style of the one-storey structure over an area of 178 sq.m. The project includes the

construction of schools, clinics, communication centre and other vital public services, the official said.

### Masterplan

He added that the relevant engineers at the NHA had already finished preparing the relevant project masterplan which involved the implementation of a new planning policy restructuring the existing topography of the area and providing new accesses for the area in line with traffic studies especially prepared for this purpose.

The project is located 55 kilometres away from Kuwait City and will contain housing accommodation for non-Kuwaiti workers in proportion to already specified density percentage, which would create no traffic inconveniences on the neighbouring motorway network.

Environmental studies were conducted for the project providing for the aesthetical elements, taking care of the proposed recreational and landscaping services involved over and above the security and safety factors

included, with the project divided into three main sectors.

### Schools

The southern sector, where project construction would commence, involves the construction of 1,500 housing units, while the western sector would consist of 1,400 housing units while 1,100 similar units would be provided in the northern sector.

The project includes construction of eight kindergarten, six elementary schools, another six intermediate schools and two secondary schools, while the total number of mosques built in the process would be 15 with three central mosques and one mosque-cum-Islamic centre capable of accommodating 2000 worshippers.

The public services and facilities to be contained in the project would include a health centre, a maternity centre, one police station, one telephone central and post office, two shopping and administrative centres, bus terminal, six power substations, a number of shops, youth centre, petrol station, fire-fighting centre, four parks, and a provisional sanitary waste plant.

## BAHRAIN DIGEST

# Gold sales on the increase in Bahrain

BAHRAIN'S gold market is currently enjoying brisk business because of a number of factors. Since the end of the Gulf conflict, when both investors and the general public preferred to put their money in banks, there has been a gradual upsurge in the buying of gold jewellery in large amounts by residents and visitors alike.

In recent months the price of gold has remained slightly lower than before, making investment in gold jewellery an attractive proposition for all concerned. Unlike some Gulf states, Bahrain's government guarantees the purity of all gold ornaments manufactured in the island, whereby each item has a government approved seal on it ensuring its authenticity. This attracts customers of all nationalities to purchase gold jewellery.

For a country of its size and population, Bahrain boasts of a high number of goldsmiths numbering about 150. Between 25 to 30 of this figure comprises Indian businessmen, most of whom have been operating in the gold business here for about 45 years.

Chandrakant, manager of Suwois Jewellery, told the Arab Times that the Indian goldsmiths operate independently without having any local partners as required by Bahraini law. This factor he said was possible because of the existing law back in the thirties and forties when it was not necessary for an expatriate businessman to have a local partner.

Traditionally, gold business has been the domain of Indians. Nationals entered the field later and today dominate the market in Bahrain.

"Buying of gold jewellery has always been a popular trend among the people from the Indian sub-continent. Today however, we see a marked increase towards buying of gold among Arabs, Europeans and even Americans. The number of Western expatriates and tourists buying gold jewellery has increased considerably in recent times," commented Chandrakant.

Indians as well as other South-Asian nationals generally go for 22 carat jewellery which is the purity commonly popular and largely used in the Indian-subcontinent nations. Locals and Arabs in general buy 21 carat items, while Western nationals prefer the 10 carat category.

Current gold prices in Bahrain are as follows: 24 carat — BD48, 22 carat — BD44, 21 carat — BD41.

## Air-India cuts club class fare

AIR-INDIA has introduced an Excursion Fare for Club Class travel from Kuwait to India and back. The Club Class Excursion fare levels to some of the Indian destinations from Kuwait, are as follows:

Kuwait to Bombay/Delhi KD228.700, Kuwait to Goa KD259.100, Kuwait to Trivandrum KD310.300.

The normal Club Class return fares to the above destinations are KD282.000, KD312.400 and KD351.600 respectively. With the introduction of the Excursion Fare, Club Class passengers to Indian destinations stand to gain to a great extent. To other interior points in India, Club Class Excursion fare will be calculated by adding the applicable sector fare to the Bombay/Delhi fare of KD228.700.

Passengers travelling on this fare can stay in India up to 4 months but will have to adhere to the rule of minimum stay of 7 days in India. Even though the fare levels have been reduced under this scheme, passengers will enjoy the benefits of extra baggage allowance, faster baggage delivery on disembarkation, separate check-in facility and lounge facilities at Kuwait airport as well as at Bombay and Delhi airports.



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## Seeking stardom in Indian politics

Effectiveness uncertain

STARS of the world's biggest film industry are shaping up for a new role in Indian politics.

Many have already taken sides between Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's Congress (I) Party and a grand opposition alliance that will contest general elections which must be called by the end of the year.

None of them, however, have done it as decisively as Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, chief minister of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, who launched his campaign on behalf of the alliance by resuming a screen career with a film called "Vishwamitra".

Rao is the latest in a line of south India film figures to realise the potential of the cinema in conveying a political message to the masses, director Parvati Menon said.

The industry produces more than 700 films a year.

Rao was the second film star to become chief minister of an Indian state. The late M.G. Ramachandran ruled neighbouring Tamil Nadu for 10 years after quitting a fabulous film career in which he played mainly Robin Hood-type roles.

### Acceptable

"NTR (Rao) and MGR (Ramachandran) acted in films that were acceptable to the whole family, and especially women, by acting in mythological or socially oriented films," Menon said.

It was an important difference from the north, where the political appeal of Hindi stars was limited because of screen images of angry young men as romantic heroes who used violence to correct injustice.

"A political message can only be conveyed to the people through explicitly delineated roles, of a Robin Hood who helps the poor or a Hindu God who can do no wrong...after all, 75 per cent of our people are illiterate and you have to be blatant about it," said Menon.

She said southern politicians also realised the importance of the medium as a way to get a message across to rural areas, where the cinema is the main source of entertainment for 70 per cent of the population.

In Tamil Nadu, the chief minister is a well-known scriptwriter, and the leader of the largest opposition group is a screen goddess who once starred opposite Ramachandran.

### Glamour

Their glamour and grip on the people resulted earlier this year in a humiliating electoral defeat for Rajiv, who failed to help Congress win power in the state.

It is this which could make "Vishwamitra" a potent weapon in the polls, although its effectiveness in the north is uncertain, even with the top Bombay actress picked by Rao to co-star.

Due for release during the campaign, the film is about a social reformer who is a teacher of Hinduism's ideal king, Rama. It aims at extending Rao's popularity to the north from a southern base.

Rao, an imposing saffron-clad figure, plays the title role in his first film since quitting movies in 1983 to enter politics and help the party he founded win state elections.

Southerners, especially in Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh, have been his fans for more than 35 years during which he mainly played Hindu gods in his 320 films.

The film could also counter in some measure what the opposition alleges is Rajiv's attempt to use India's state-run television for projecting his image across barely accessible territory.

Rajiv can also depend on a cluster of top stars led by Amitabh Bachchan, India's highest-paid actor and the reigning idol of the Hindi-language film world.

But Bachchan, said to command a fee far in excess of the Rs. 2 million (\$125,000) top stars charge per film, is not likely to contest the Allahabad parliamentary seat he quit last year amid opposition charges of involvement in a financial scandal.

Instead, he will probably help his childhood friend Rajiv campaign in the electorally crucial Hindi-speaking belt in north India where his violence-dominated Bombay films are usually hits.

He could have the company of Arun Govil, who took time off from playing Rama in a television serial to campaign unsuccessfully against opposition leader V.P. Singh in the election caused by Bachchan's resignation.

Another politically inclined star of the Bombay film world, Shabana Azmi, is likely to contest the election on a Communist Party ticket.

Azmi, who made her film reputation with three national acting awards, entered the political limelight by leading protests against the eviction of slum dwellers in Bombay.

"My father... has been a member of the Communist Party. I also think along those lines," she said. "Of what use is your art if it doesn't sensitise you to look outside your cushy surroundings at the man on the street and the miserable conditions he lives in." (Bombay — Reuters)

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1666 — Great fire at London starts, in five days virtually destroys city, including St. Paul's Cathedral.

1686 — Charles, Duke of Lorraine, takes Buda from Turks after lengthy siege, ending 145-year occupancy by Turks.

1773 — Warren Hastings, first British governor-general of India, forms alliance with state of Oudh for campaign against the Marathas.

1861 — Prussia concludes commercial treaty with China at Tientsin.

1865 — Maori war in New Zealand ends when governor issues peace proclamation.

1866 — Crete, after long discontent against Turkish authority, revolts and declares union with Greece.

1877 — Satsuma rebellion is suppressed in Japan.

1898 — British forces under Horatio Kitchener defeat dervishes at Omdurman, Khartoum, Sudan.

1926 — Italy's treaty with Yemen begins Italian attempt to dominate east coast of Red Sea.

1945 — Independent Vietnam republic is proclaimed by Ho Chi Minh, who becomes president.

1947 — American republics sign treaty for mutual assistance at Rio de Janeiro.

1949 — United Nations Commission warns of danger of civil war in Korea.

1962 — Soviet Union agrees to send arms to Cuba; Western Iran is shattered by earthquake, and 200 towns and villages are reported destroyed.

1968 — Death toll from earthquake in Iran is put at 10,000.

1969 — Death toll confirmed at 79, with 319 others reported missing in sinking of Soviet passenger liner in Black Sea.

1987 — "Tanker war" in the Gulf escalates, with Iraq claiming its jet planes hit three ships while Iran raids five others.

1988 — Iran accuses Iraq of more than 70 violations of two-week old ceasefire.

Defence Ministry has cosy relations with arms dealers

## Israeli connection exposed

IN ISRAEL'S clubby defence community, everyone knows everyone.

The coziness in the relationship between private arms sellers and the Defence Ministry is at the heart of a growing debate in Israel over the need for further controls on private arms merchants.

The controversy was triggered by the reported involvement of high-ranking reserve officers in the training of gunmen for Colombian drug lords.

Israel is a small country. Everybody who was a colonel or brigadier-general in the Army has very intimate contacts with the defence establishment," said Ehud Olmert, minister of Arab affairs in the cabinet and a member of the right-wing Likud Bloc.

"The question is what is the involvement of the Defence Ministry? It is one of the questions that will be investigated," he said.

The left-leaning daily Davar newspaper said in an editorial: "It is conceivable that the security establishment didn't know what was going on in Colombia."

Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, however, told reporters the ministry did not learn of the training until April, when it issued a written warning to the company involved. "We are not trying to hide, to conceal," he said.

"There are those who are not obeying the law. But I believe the number of people who have not obeyed the law... is very, very limited. Israeli mercenaries are basically non-existent," he said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, once a senior official in the Mossad Intelligence Service, promised a thorough investigation but was clearly sceptical about whether Israelis knowingly helped drug gangs.

"I know our officers, and I cannot believe that they would have been involved in such crimes," Shamir said.

Conservatives in Parliament's Law Committee blocked a move by liberals to tighten existing controls that make it a crime punishable by six months in jail for a reservist to sell weapons or give training without authorisation.

Urging more stringent control, Labour Party lawmaker David Libai said on Israel Radio: "It cannot be that we train people to kill in the Army for the sake of our country and that later people use it for their own personal profit without any control."

However, the mayor of the Tel Aviv suburb of Herzlia, Eli Landau, took out an advertisement in Israeli newspapers to defend the Israeli reservists accused of helping the drug kingpins train gunmen. "With a wave of their hands, they forgot the 20 years in which you and your friends risked your lives for us all," he wrote.

The close-knit nature of the relationship between officials and private arms merchants can be seen in the "Israel defence sales directory." The ministry's annual catalogue lists government arms makers side-by-side with private companies that can arrange the sale of weapons or services.

Among the companies is Hod Hahani (spearhead), which describes itself as "specialising in fighting terrorism by establishing and training anti-terror units, internal security and intelligence forces... presidential guard units and VIP security."

The firm is headed by Reserve Lt Col Yair Klein, who associates say was once an instructor in a parachute course headed by Dan Shomron, now Israel's chief of staff.

Former commander of an elite anti-terror unit, Klein is the focus of a policy probe of the Colombia affair. Six former Israeli officers have been questioned.

At one point Klein threatened to blow the whistle on other high-ranking officers and at least one member of parliament, suggesting they were involved in unauthorised arms dealings in Latin America.

Two right-wing members of parliament, Yehoshua Saguy and Rehavam Zeevi, said they had been in Colombia on arms-related business but only with government authorisation.

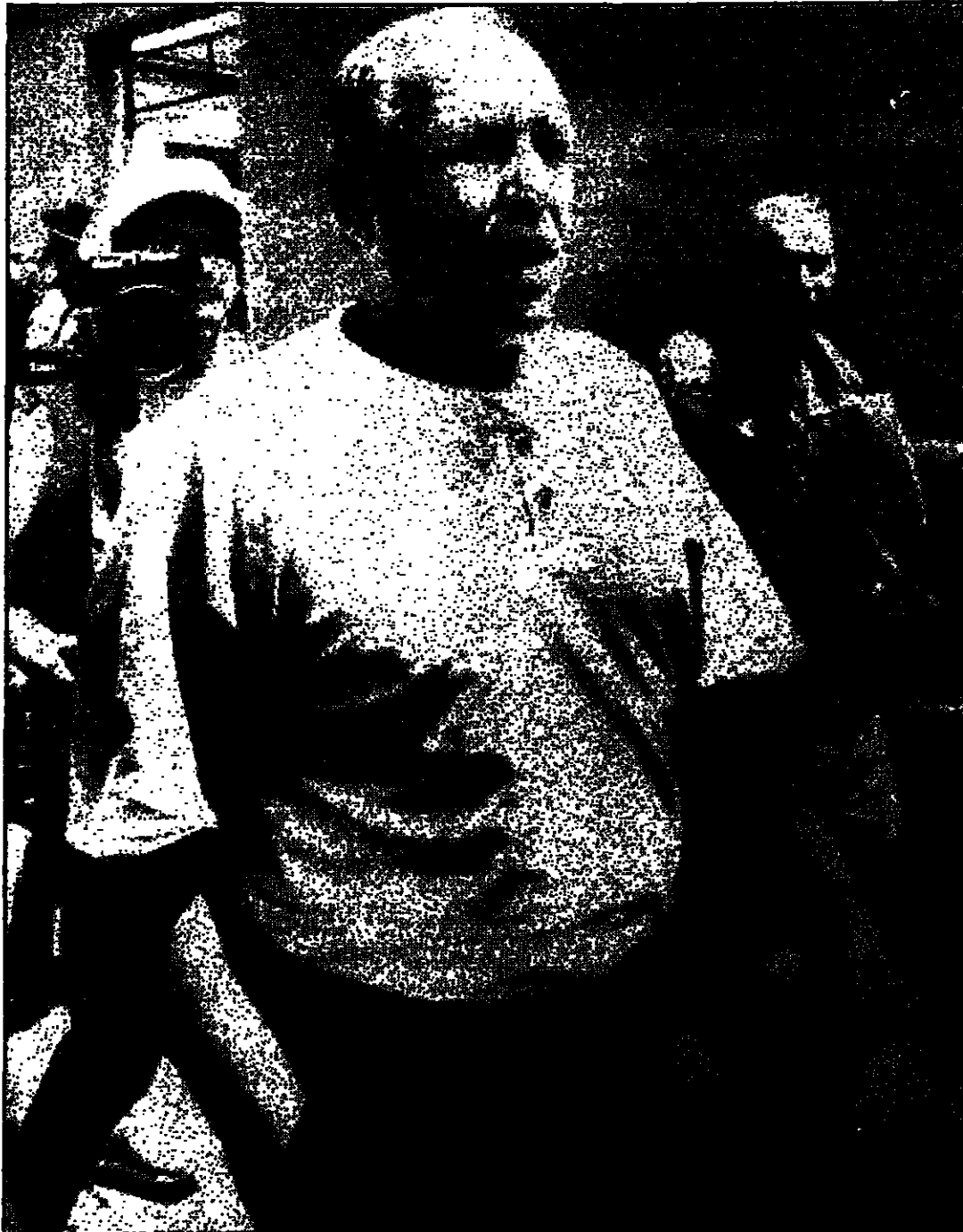
Yoram Perry, a military historian and journalist, said the Colombia affair was an outgrowth of too close a relationship between those still in uniform and their retired Army buddies.

"The crux of the issue is the social relationship between those who are now in power and those who do a job overseas. They are friends. They say, 'I know this guy. He's not going to deal in something to do with narcotics.' So they believe there is no need to formalise ways of control," he said in an interview.

Many Israelis, especially conservatives, were reluctant to criticise the reservists, arguing that the government had failed to give them jobs or that Israel was only marketing the skills it had honed in repeated wars with the Arabs.

"It's a central fact that Israel has something that people want," Zeevi Chafets, an author and former government press office director, said in an interview.

"It's no more exceptional than people who want to buy Saudi oil or Swiss watches. It just happens to be what we've got to export." (Jerusalem — AP)



Lieutenant Colonel Yair Klein

## Colombian campaign costly

THE Colombian government, in its strongest offensive against drug traffickers, has started a campaign that could take years to wage successfully, foreign and Colombian officials say.

A senior diplomat at the US embassy said Wednesday that the effort could last until the end of the century and require billions of dollars. A former Colombian Army intelligence officer also predicted a billion-dollar price tag and more than a decade of struggle to overcome drug traffickers — if they can be beaten at all.

The Colombian government has made little progress in fighting leftist guerrillas, another force it sees as a threat to the nation's stability. After three decades of battling guerrilla groups, the Army has seen rebel forces steadily rise to an estimated 10,000 fighters.

During the same time, the traffickers, power has grown.

Fifteen years ago, some of today's millionaire and billionaire cocaine traffickers were pickpockets and big farmers. Six years ago, they were so wealthy that they offered to pay off Colombia's \$10 billion foreign debt if the government would give them amnesty.

The offer was rejected.

Today the traffickers have private armies totalling about 4,000 men, intelligence-gathering units, modern weapons and fleets of airplanes and helicopters, the former intelligence officer said.

To meet the threat from the traffickers, the government has sharply increased its spending on security forces. US President George Bush has authorised \$65 million in emergency assistance to Colombia to fight the traffickers. This compares to about \$10 million in drug-fighting money the Americans have previously given Colombia.

Yet facilities for fighting the traffickers have remained unequal to the task.

An agent of the US drug enforcement agency once said that Colombia's anti-drug agents were so poorly equipped that they had to bag gas from their US counterparts to go on drug raids.

Farmers in the Andes in southeast Colombia told an AP reporter that they had little fear of police helicopters swooping down periodically so that policemen could destroy coca bushes. New bushes were planted immediately after the police leave.

Army troops in the field are poorly equipped. Boots are worn until they almost fall apart, and transport is in short supply.

The traffickers, however, have the most modern automatic weapons, even light anti-tank weapons. "Colombia is fighting against something that is stronger than the state," former President Belisario Betancur said of drug traffickers during his term from 1982 to 1986.

Betancur's Justice Minister, Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, was murdered after raids on cocaine laboratories hurt the traffickers.

In the past 10 years, drug traffickers have killed 220 judges and other court employees, two newspaper editors, a justice minister, an attorney-general, hundreds of policemen and soldiers and dozens of other people perceived by drug traffickers as threats to their business.

To counter the violence, the Colombian government has started for the first time in 30 years spending more on the military than it does on education. The government increased the military's share of the 1990 budget to 17 per cent from 10 per cent, for a total of \$560 million.

That is almost certainly bound to limit the growth of spending on schools, hospitals and other public works at a time when leftist guerrillas continue to press for more government funds for the poor.

Progressive governments have done much to develop Colombia, but extreme poverty is still a problem.

Many children grow up never tasting meat or milk. Cardboard boxes discarded in front of houses disappear in minutes, taken by people who sell them.

People search in garbage dumps for bones to sell to chemical companies, for bottles and newspapers are so common that they are labour unions among scavengers.

## Khmers stronger

CAMBODIA'S feared Khmer Rouge guerrillas have emerged strengthened from the ruins of a peace conference which ended in Paris on Wednesday, diplomats said.

The collapse of the talks raised the prospect of a showdown in the Southeast Asian country, where the planned withdrawal of Vietnamese troops next month may leave a government too weak to control the country.

"Absolutely, the Khmer Rouge came out better," one diplomat said. "They got the US and Western countries to block a Vietnamese attempt to isolate and contain them."

Envoys said it was a foregone conclusion that clashes among Cambodians, damped during the Vietnam's 11-year military presence, would increase after Hanoi's Sept. 26 withdrawal.

"To go back to fighting has always been in the interests of the Khmer Rouge," one Western diplomat said.

At least one million Cambodians were killed during the four-year rule of the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge from 1975. They are by far the most potent of three groups fighting Cambodia's Vietnamese-installed leaders.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen sought guarantees at the month-long talks in Paris that China would stop arming the Khmer Rouge, his main enemy, but he left empty-handed.

Hun Sen's communist government faces a severe test of its ability to bottle up the Khmer Rouge during the next dry season from October to May, the best time for war.

At the same time the Cambodian Army must cope with raids by Western-backed factions based in neighbouring Thailand.

"It is the West's assessment that the (Cambodian government) cannot guarantee total control of the country if the Vietnamese leave," one diplomat said.

A US spokesman in Paris said the balance of Cambodian forces was unclear but the situation on the ground might clarify after a dry-season test of strength.

Hun Sen's main liability is his 40,000-strong Army and a war-weary, rag-tag national peasant militia which has remained largely idle while Vietnamese forces fought the Khmer Rouge.

"We got the impression of a shoddy third or fourth-rate military force, with no war to fight," said a Western military expert who visited Cambodia this month.

The Phnom Penh government is armed by Hanoi and Moscow.

The shaky non-communist guerrilla factions of Prince Norodom Sihanouk and Son Sann, assisted mainly by the United States, China, Singapore and Thailand, also face a test of survival.

Instead of staging hit-and-run raids from Thailand, they will be compelled to try to control territory inside Cambodia.

"They're going to have to fish or cut bait. For the first time really they're going to have to prove in the field they're viable," a European envoy said.

Disagreements over conflicting assessments of how the failure of the talks might affect Sihanouk's stature.

"He got recognised by all sides as a possible compromise figure who could unify the country. There'll eventually be some effort to revive negotiations and Sihanouk will be at their focus," a delegate said.

Another diplomat said the former monarch, who has been in exile for 20 years, risked eclipse by maintaining his alliance with the Khmer Rouge as fighting increased.

Cambodians say that, on average, one member of every Cambodian family — a fifth of the population — perished during the period of Khmer Rouge rule.

## Quote me

"THIS has been the journey of a lifetime." — Voyager Project Scientist Edward Stone.

"WE need time so that the spirit or reconciliation can overcome the spirit of confrontation. But for Cambodia, the hour of peace will come." — French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said in a press conference.

"A LEOPARD skin looks better on a leopard." — Peter Scott, a naturalist who died of heart attack at the age of 79, said.

"Mr Bakker reported when he left the courthouse suddenly the people outside took the form of frightening animals which he felt were bent on destroying him." — Dr Basil Jackson describing TV evangelist Jim Bakker's reaction as he met reporters outside the courthouse where he is on trial for fraud.

"What is happening in Poland is a huge political gain for us, the maximum gain. But it is only a house of cards." — Lech Walesa on the new government in Poland.

"I cannot see any point in the captain staying on the estate," she said. "They have been leading separate lives, so why just move down the road?" — a neighbour on the separation of Capt Mark Phillips and Princess Anne.

"To my thinking, training is a game, and a game is war." — Sebastiao Lazaroni, Brazil's coach on the Cup Qualifier with Chile.

"I feel something strange seeing the streets crowded with people." — An Iraqi official recalled the days when Baath took the brunt of heavy daily shelling in 1986-87, in reporters on a tour of the city.

"IN America there was a tradition of making films about the lower classes — coal miners, cowboys, oil riggers, and the like. But not in England." — Lewis Gilbert, director of *Alfie* and *Educating Rita*, said during a trip to America.

"I DIDN'T know my ranking had dropped. I was actually hoping that it would fall far enough to be unneeded and be a dangerous floater in the draw. Then I wanted to play (John) McEnroe, (Ivan) Lendl or (Stefan) Edberg in the first round." — Jimmy Connors said during the US Open.

"SHE had a great career. If she can walk away with no regrets, that's great. I wish her all the best. Why do I never thought about quitting, how I'd go south. When I stop, you'll know." — Jimmy Connors said about Chris Evert.

"I could get real emotional if I let myself. But I'm not out there to get people to clap and praise me and cheer for me all the years of tennis. I'm out there to win a tennis match." — Chris Evert, 34, said after her victory in the US Open.

"I need to examine my goals and set more goals. I need goals in tennis. I need some off-court goals too, whether it's personal or other. It's sort of like writing a term paper with no topic." — Pam Shriver said after crashing out of the US Open.

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# AIDS ignorance prompts fear

## Loathing in Egypt

CAIRO, Sept. 1. (Reuters): A receptionist in a Cairo state-owned hospital has had nothing but trouble since she helped an AIDS-infected Egyptian woman deliver her baby in June.

"Om Kadri AIDS" as she is now nicknamed, stepped in to help the mother after doctors and nurses refused to touch her for fear of contracting the fatal disease.

Many hospital workers believe Om Kadri is now contaminated with AIDS. They are afraid to use glasses she has drunk out of or to shake hands. Some even refuse to talk to her.

This is merely one of the many personal tragedies in Egypt caused by ignorance about Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).

But health officials in the mainly-Muslim country feel they have come a long way in toppling walls of silence on sex-related issues. Would you ever have heard, says one official, the word "condom" in a birth control advertisement a few years ago?

As more and more AIDS cases are reported each month, World Health Organisation (WHO) officials worry that the epidemic is moving faster than efforts to educate people.

There is still a lack of knowledge about AIDS. People don't know enough," said Erik Ekeid, a WHO official in charge of AIDS programmes for the Alexandria-based East-Mediterranean Region.

The East-Mediterranean Region, comprising 21 countries from Morocco to Pakistan, reported 134 AIDS cases for 1988, up from 72 the previous year. Egypt says it has 33 cases of the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which causes the disease.

Since AIDS does not yet have a cure, Ekeid said, informing people and coaxing them to speak openly about it was the only way to curb its spread and limit unpleasant incidents.

Psychiatrist Mohammed Shaalan says Egyptians know very little about AIDS except that it is fatal. Many still link it mainly with homosexuality — a socially-

spurned issue.

He criticised health officials for suggesting Egypt was free of AIDS because it was a Muslim country.

"This causes more harm than good because people think that as they are Muslims, then everything is fine and they will not get it," said Shaalan, who is researching Egyptians' knowledge of AIDS.

In a small Nile Delta town, a 58-year-old Egyptian who contracted the AIDS virus from a blood transfusion in an Arab state has not left his home in more than 16 weeks.

The town's inhabitants have boycotted a road to his house, believing they can catch the disease if they pass through.

Fathi Sheeba El-Hamd, Ministry of Health Undersecretary, said that in such cases counsellors were sent to the towns and villages of AIDS victims to explain how it is transmitted.

"AIDS is a priority as far as the ministry is concerned. We are doing all we can to educate people," he said. Imported blood is thoroughly screened.

Only disposable syringes are used. Foreigners spending more than a month in Egypt are now required to be tested, medical sources say. Egypt has deported 57 foreigners tested positive.

But WHO officials say it is erroneous for states in the Middle East to assume that AIDS is only an imported disease.

Egyptian health officials stress that Egypt's 33 HIV cases were imported and mainly due to blood transfusions abroad. They refrain from mentioning cases resulting from sexual contact.

But medical sources say that at least two of the seven AIDS patients reported to have died in Egypt contracted the disease through sexual contact.

One AIDS patient was shot dead by a policeman last year after he apparently threatened to bite him and squirt him with his infected blood.

"We don't want the epidemic to overtake us. We don't want the wave to break before people have learnt to swim," said Ekeid. "That is why we need to be able to talk frankly about AIDS."

# Everly Brothers stay at top

LONDON, (AP): Glenn Miller, Bill Haley and the Everly Brothers topped the British pop chart for the fifth straight week as featured performers in "Swing the Mood" by Jive Bunny and the Mastersmizers.

"Ride on Time" by Black Box moved into the second spot, while Tears for Fears' "Sowing the Seeds of Love" broke into the rankings at number 8.

Alice Cooper was a model of steadfastness as "Poison" logged its third consecutive week at fourth position. This week's top 10 singles, as listed by Our Price Music Ltd., the National Music Retail Chain, with last week's places in brackets:

1. (1) Swing the Mood — Jive Bunny and the Mastersmizers (Music Factory).
2. (3) Ride on Time — Black Box (De-construction).
3. (2) French Kiss — Lil Louis (London).
4. (4) Poison — Alice Cooper (Epic).
5. (5) Hey DJ — Beatmasters and Betty Boo (Rhythm King).
6. (12) I Just Don't Have the Heart — Cliff Richard (EMI).
7. (15) I Need Your Lovin' — Alyson Williams (Off Jam-CBS).
8. (—) Sowing the Seeds of Love — Tears for Fears (Fontana).
9. (5) Toy Soldiers — Marika (CBS).
10. (9) Blame it on the Boogie — Big Fun (Jive).

NEW YORK, (AP): Paula Abdul's "Cold-Hearted" hopped to the number one spot Wednesday among best-selling single pop records in the United States. The disc moved up from second position a week ago.

"Don't Wanna Lose You" by Gloria Estefan climbed one notch to second place on the Cash Box Magazine chart, while "Hangin' Tough" by New Kids on the Block moved into third, from fourth a week ago.

Last week's number one hit, "Right Here Waiting" by Richard Marx, slipped to fourth.

New to the top 10 list this week was "Friends" by Jody Watley, up from 11th to 8th. Two other newcomers were

"Heaven" by the Group Warrant, up from 12th to 9th, and "Shower me with your love" by Surface, up from 13th to 10th.

The top 10 pop singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (2) Cold-Hearted — Paula Abdul (Virgin).
2. (3) Don't Wanna Lose You — Gloria Estefan (EPIC).
3. (4) Hangin' Tough — New Kids On The Block (Columbia).
4. (11) Right Here Waiting — Richard Marx (EMI).
5. (6) The End of Innocence — Don Henley (Geffen).
6. (7) Angel Eyes — The Jeff Healy Band (Arista).
7. (8) Secret Rendezvous — Karen White (Warner Brothers).
8. (11) Friends — Jody Watley (MCA).
9. (12) Heaven — Warrant (Columbia).
10. (13) Shower Me With Your Love — Surface (Columbia).

The top 10 country-western singles, as rated by Cash Box Magazine, with last week's positions in brackets:

1. (4) Honky Tonk Heart — Highway 101 (Warner Brothers).
2. (1) Timber I'm Falling In Love — Patty Loveless (MCA).
3. (6) I'm Still Crazy — Vern Gosdin (Columbia).
4. (2) Are You Ever Gonna Love Me — Holly Dunn (Warner Brothers).
5. (5) Give Me His Last Chance — Lionel Cartwright (MCA).
6. (3) Never Given Up On Love — Michael Martin Murphy (Warner Brothers).
7. (12) Wonder Do You Think Of Me — Keith Whitley (RCA).
8. (8) Any Way The Wind Blows — Southern Pacific (Warner Brothers).
9. (15) Let Me Tell You About Love — The Judds (Curb-RCA).
10. (14) Nothing I Can Do About It Now — Willie Nelson (Columbia).

# Listening to aeroplanes

## Flaws may be predicted

NEWARK, New Jersey, (AP): Like a doctor with a stethoscope, engineers can listen to planes, oil tanks, tankers and pipelines for sounds of impending disaster.

"If you have a bulkhead that breaks, it happens over a long period... We don't listen merely to a crack — what we're doing is getting the warning signals before they crack," said Sotirios Vahaviolos of Physical Acoustics Corp.

Vahaviolos' company, based in Princeton, New Jersey, tests equipment for Monsanto Chemical Co., the US Defense Department and the Soviet Union, among others, and will begin tests next month on a Boeing 727 at the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) technical center.

The FAA decided to take a new look at the way commercial aircraft are inspected after a piece of an Aloha Airlines jet failed and flew off last year shortly after the plane was checked out.

"There has been a push for newer and improved technology to try to ensure the structural integrity of old aircraft. We're looking at a lot of areas — X-ray techniques, ultrasonic imaging, acoustic emissions — to see what type of structural problems are best discovered," said FAA Engineer, Tom DeFore.

After comparing the speed and effectiveness of various methods, the FAA will recommend an inspection technique, DeFore said.

"Our final goal is that you bring the plane on the gate in the evening and we can tell in a couple of hours whether it is airworthy," said Vahaviolos, who founded the company in 1978. One test can cost 10,000 to 100,000 dollars.

# New knots or not?

FOR men who think fumbling with a tie each morning is a pain in the neck, here comes a new wrinkle in the quest for a firm, symmetrical knot. It's an inside-out style called the Shelby.

The knot, touted as the "first new knot for men in over 50 years" by a clothier, was developed by a retired Minnesota man who had chafed at his lumpy, twisted neckwear.

"I got sick and tired of looking at this tie every night. He always had a big knot in it," said Jerry Pratt, 92, retired manager for the US Chamber of Commerce.

The secret is to start with the seams out. With a bit of sartorial sleight-of-hand, the knot forms securely and the broad part flows down the shirt, finished side out.

The shorter blade underneath still has the seams and the label facing out, although it can be clasped with a pin or twisted so the seams will turn in. It's simple to tie and works best with wider collars.

The knot is named for Don Shelby, a local television anchorman in Minnesota who learned the knot from Pratt in 1986.

Pratt said he stumbled across the knot by accident and never thought of it giving it a name through decades of secure wear.

"One morning I put my tie on inside out, I tied it and it worked. That was it," he said by telephone Wednesday. "The beauty of it is the knot won't twist to one side or the other. A tie sets the whole theme of dress. If it's twisted, that's the first thing people notice."

Joseph M., a custom men's clothier in Minnesota, learned of the knot, refined it and established the tie-in with Shelby. It printed a five-step diagram for customers seeking alternatives to the bulbous Windsor knot or the tightly tapered four-in-hand, the most common knot among American men.

"You're getting a balanced knot, but it's small and precise, not big and bulky like the Windsor," said Kingford Bavender, an executive with Joseph M.

The method of creating the Shelby doesn't appear in "Getting Knotted" — 188 Knots for Necks, a reference guide for ties, scarves, ascots, and cravats distributed by Ratti Silk Mills of Como, Italy, and used by the Neckwear Association of America.

However, it does resemble a knot called the Nifty, invented by a Milanese restaurateur and said to have been the favourite knot of former Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev.

For his part, Shelby is a bit red-faced at all the fuss.

"I really think people notice the knot in your tie about as much as the knot in your shoes," Shelby said. "I do it because it's easy to tie, you can do it in your sleep, and it puts that little dimple in the tie automatically."

However, the Guild of British Tie Makers dropped their usual stiff upper lip Thursday and declared categorically that an American claim to have found a new way for well-groomed men to knot their neckties is in fact nothing novel at all.

The guild, which recently celebrated 103 years of tie manufacturing in Britain, said the knotty solution attributed to Jerry Pratt.

But, Edwards said, "a 76-year-old founder member of the guild, Mr Alan Comfort, told me today — and he is well known for the ties he exports to



America — that he personally tied that same knot they are talking about in 1956."

"Pratt's claim to having invented a totally new knot is without foundation. I'm afraid."

Edwards said the Saxon knot was invented just after World War II to prevent the slipping caused by inferior tie fabrics used at that time. He said the knot was used in Britain through the 1950s but tended to fall out of favour as better fabrics reached the market.

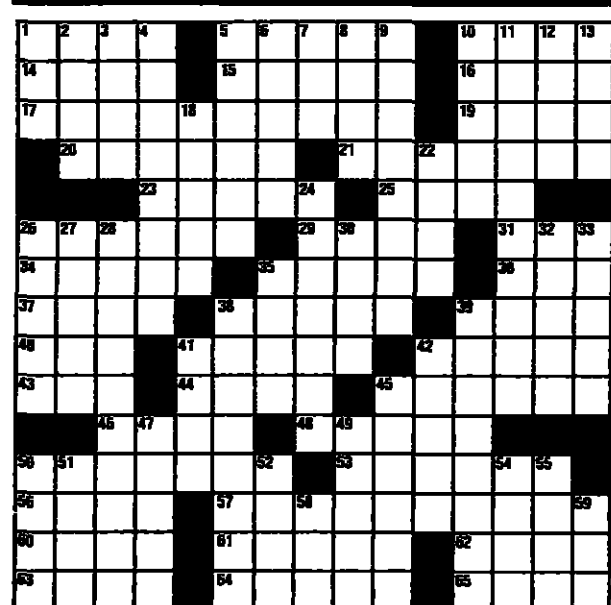
The Daily Telegraph, the New York Times, the Neckwear Association of America, and the Guild of British Tie Makers did at least agree on one thing, that the disputed knot looks symmetrical, balanced and neat.

"Nevertheless, the search for a new knot is ever present, and although Pratt has not, it appears, produced a new tie knot, the Guild of British Tie Makers are offering 50 ties to the person who can produce a new tie knot which, in the expert opinion of the guild, is superior to the Windsor knot," Edwards said.

"The offer is ever open to anybody, but we are not merely looking for a new knot — we would like to see a better knot."



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Friendly
  - 5 Fur merchant of old
  - 10 Melville's captain
  - 14 Certain code
  - 15 Wheel part
  - 16 Distribute, with "out"
  - 17 Prophet's docks?
  - 19 Satellite
  - 20 Deli machine
  - 21 Assented
  - 23 Thou-shalt-nots
  - 25 Charged atoms
  - 26 Composer Franz and family
  - 29 Large container
  - 31 "— and Peace"
  - 34 Mountain ridge
  - 35 With "en", fencing term
  - 36 Yes, in Orleans
  - 37 Vex
  - 38 Egyptian Christians
  - 39 Roman market-places
  - 40 Congeal
  - 41 Implements
  - 42 Dangerous kind of wave
  - 43 Crooked letter
  - 44 Baxter or Boleyn
  - 45 Handbags
  - 46 — fiber
  - 48 Low, damp area
  - 50 African flies
  - 53 Comes up
  - 56 Earthen pot for stew
  - 57 Mr. Connery's chess pieces?
  - 60 Effortary
  - 61 Plains Indian's home, once
  - 62 Goneril's father
  - 63 Church feature
- DOWN**
- 1 Existed
  - 2 Greek god
  - 3 Lively dance
  - 4 Soak food in seasoning
  - 5 Trembling trees
  - 6 Agnew
  - 7 — the line
  - 8 Pods for soup
  - 9 Revokes
  - 10 Madison Ave. workers
  - 11 Robin's forest?
  - 12 Cosmetic ingredient
  - 13 over backwards
  - 14 To 7, for example
  - 22 Form of fuel
  - 24 Paper fasteners
  - 26 With "at", free from restraint
  - 27 Lake Indians
  - 28 Chimes from
  - 30 Tatum and Carney
  - 32 Breezes: Lat.
  - 33 Iranian coins
  - 35 Thug
  - 38 Competitions
  - 39 "Smoke damage" event
  - 41 USSR news org.
  - 42 Glam from Holland
  - 45 Zoroastrian
  - 47 "— of Two Cities"
  - 49 Diamond Hall of Farmer Lloyd or Paul
  - 50 Garment for Brutus
  - 51 Open-handed blow
  - 52 Ooze
  - 54 Pitcher
  - 55 Obstacle
  - 58 GI's address
  - 59 Theater sign

## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

SEDIAN PACT STAG  
CREME OGRE URGE  
ASPIRE SEER MAIRE  
DEIST INCREASES  
CHATTIAHOOCHEE  
SET ROT ERS  
OLIO EVA SILAGE  
ALORS ERA NELLY  
PENTAD ASE SLUE  
MAS PRY EER  
METEOROLOGIST  
ISOLATION ETHAN  
ASTI ERS LARGO  
MEAD RENO DRIES  
IDLE SEAR SENSE

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

### WHAT'S THE HURRY?

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ 7 6 3  
 ♥ J 10 4  
 ♦ J 10 6 5  
 ♣ K 7 5

**EAST**  
 ♠ Q J 10 9 4  
 ♥ A 7 5  
 ♦ 9 8 2  
 ♣ 10 2

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ A K 5  
 ♥ K Q 8 6  
 ♦ K Q 3  
 ♣ A Q 6

The bidding:  
 South West North East  
 2 NT Pass 3 NT Pass  
 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣

Great holdup men of the past got their names on wanted posters. The holdup artists of the bridge table are written up in bridge columns.

South was an old-fashioned player who still believed an opening bid of two no trump showed a balanced hand of 22-24 points. North had no interest in a major-suit contract, but he had plenty in reserve to raise to three no trump.

Simple souls would have a 50 per-

cent chance of making the contract. They would win the first trick and lead a red suit. If they opted for hearts, all would be well. West's entry would be knocked out early, and the spade suit would wither on the vine.

Those who chose diamonds would not be so lucky. East would win and return a spade, forcing out declarer's remaining stopper. When West got in with the ace of hearts, there would be just enough spade tricks for the defense to register a one-trick set.

The winning play is simplicity itself. Most players are familiar with a holdup play when they have only one stopper in the enemy suit. Many do not realize it can be just as important not to win the first trick when the enemy suit is doubly stopped.

Suppose declarer were to withhold a spade honor at trick one and win the continuation. Now it makes no difference which red ace he forces out first. If South selects the one where East holds the ace, that defender will not have a spade to return or, if he does, the suit will break 4-3 and the most the enemy can collect would be two spade tricks and the two aces.



"Don't play around with the seat."

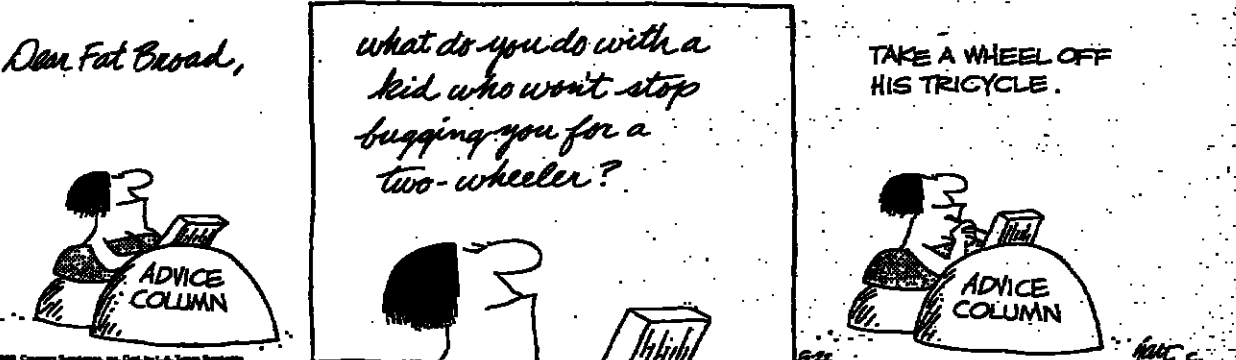
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 18)**  
 You will tend to overreact to the circumstances and should try to control yourself. You should not be too insistent. Look out for mistakes both your own and those made by other people. Be polite.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
 You should keep your wits very much about you. Your lucky numbers are 7 and 35. You should not take too much for granted. Make sure your diet contains enough vitamins and proteins and not too many sweet things. Be tactful.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
 You will be able to make a few changes for the better. You must ensure you do not let a secret slip you even by mistake. Avoid doing anything provocative and do not permit yourself to be provoked. Be sincere.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
 You should not try to force the pace but nor should you just sit back and let things happen. Allow yourself sufficient time to do a good job. Be sure your partner knows you love him. Be truthful.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
 You should not allow work to intrude upon your private life. You will have to deal with rather a tough customer but you will be able to stand your ground. There is a need for a little more patience. Be moderate.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
 You should think a little longer before you come to a decision. And do not allow yourself to be hurried into making any decisions on the spur of the moment. You should avoid any kinds of exaggerations or distortions of the truth.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
 You will have to curb your expenditure or else you may well get into serious debt. Take just a little more care of your health. Do not take on any more commitments than you can cope with. Be fair.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
 Try to watch less television and to read more or listen to music, or just talk with friends. You will have plenty of ideas not all as good as one another.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
 You should make sure you do not lose sight of your objectives. You will tend to drink more than you should try not to. Take more interest in what interests your partner. Be considerate.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**  
 Everything is taking longer than you had hoped it would. However you must be patient it will mostly work out for you in the long run. Nevertheless, do not spend in the expectation of money to come; wait until it is in your account.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
 You should not attempt to do too many things all at once. Make sure you do not behave unkindly towards animals. Let others have their say and listen to what they are saying. Be tolerant.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
 Concentrate on doing what has to be done and then relax. You should not trust too much to luck although you may well be lucky. You will have some new interests but do not abandon your old interests. Be prompt.



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Nigeria to host OPEC meeting

LAGOS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Nigerian President Ibrahim Babangida is to host a meeting with at least three other OPEC leaders during the Belgrade non-aligned summit next week, senior Nigerian government sources said today.

The sources, who declined to be named, said Babangida, Lukman, the Nigerian Oil Minister and OPEC president, would join Babangida in Belgrade on Monday, when the summit opens.

"We occupy the OPEC chair and will be playing host to at least three other leaders of OPEC countries," one source said.

Other oil ministers almost certain to join their countries' leaders in Belgrade are those of Indonesia, Algeria, and Venezuela, who, with Nigeria have led moves to call a summit of OPEC heads of state to forge strong policy for the future.

But a meeting of all 13 heads of state is thought unlikely because of political divisions within the group as well as conflicting stands on what oil prices and production should be.

Two members, Iran and Iraq, only halted their Gulf war a year ago. Radical Iran has tetchy relations with Saudi Arabia, one of OPEC's most influential and conservative Gulf states.

Some countries favour minimal output to drive prices back towards highs of \$30 a barrel from around \$18 at present, while others countries with bigger reserves are happy to pump as much as the market will take.

All OPEC members belong to the Non-Aligned Movement and will be represented in Belgrade. There have been conflicting signals about a possible OPEC gathering during the course of the summit for at least a week.

### Interest Rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Following are the average K.D. interest rates of local interbank transactions as reported by participants to Central Bank of Kuwait yesterday.

Period	Bid	Offered
1 month	8-3/16	8-1/2
3 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
6 months	8-1/4	8-1/2
1 year	8-3/8	8-11/16

Indian rupee	18.110
Sri Lankan rupee	8.000
Pakistani rupee	14.370
Bangladesh taka	9.220
US dollar	300.25
Pound sterling	474.75
Deutsche mark	153.75
UAE dirham	081.80
Japanese yen	002.091

## Bush, Kaifu to try to cut US trade deficit

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (Agencies): President George Bush and Japan's Prime Minister, Toshiki Kaifu, met today to try to find ways to open Japanese markets to foreign goods and to reduce the massive US trade deficit.

Japanese officials said Kaifu would tell Bush he would promote open markets in Japan not just to cut the US deficit but also to drive prices down for Japan's consumers.

Kaifu's visit was also designed to bolster his own prestige as a statesman and that of his Liberal Democratic Party, beset the past year by election reverses and scandals.

He is to visit Mexico City and Ottawa after his visit to the United States.

Bush interrupted his holiday in Ken-

bunkport, Maine, to fly to Washington to meet Kaifu, and was returning to his new England seaside home after his meeting and working lunch with the Japanese leader.

The Bush administration wants Japan to end business practices that it claims rig bidding to exclude overseas products and to reform a distribution system that tries to keep foreign goods off Japanese store shelves.

Japanese officials said Kaifu sees the need for such structural reforms that previously had been overlooked in Japan and that could benefit Japanese consumers by increasing competition and lowering prices.

The business reform talks are to open

formally on Monday with a US-Japanese sub-ministerial meeting in Tokyo.

Earlier today, US Secretary of State James Baker told Japan's Foreign Minister, Taro Nakayama, that the business reform talks were urgent because of rising protectionist sentiment in Congress.

The US trade deficit last year was \$110 billion, with almost half of it coming in trade with Japan.

Baker, in a 90-minute meeting with Nakayama, also called for a resolution of American complaints that Japan has unfairly kept US supercomputers, satellites and lumber out of the Japanese market, the officials said.

Both sides agreed on the need for contin-

ued US-Japanese military co-operation, the officials said, although Baker said there were calls in the US Congress that the Japanese should contribute more to keeping American forces in Japan.

Nakayama made no commitment, however, to increase Japanese aid to the American forces, the officials said.

Despite "economic frictions" between Japan and the United States, Kaifu in an interview said he hopes his talks with President Bush ensure that overall relations remain firm.

Although the two countries have very good economic relations, "there are economic frictions over various issues," Kaifu said in an interview on the television programme "CBS this morning."

## Nam summit to discuss Third World debt woes

### Economies reeling

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (KUNA): A heavy burden of foreign debts under which Third World economies are reeling will figure prominently in the discussions of the 9th non-aligned summit which opens in Belgrade on Monday.

A spark of hope that the festering debt problem is not insoluble stems from the fact that the Nam summit is convening at a time when the global political scene is not as gloomy as it was during the previous such gatherings.

As many international political hotbeds of tension have been defused in recent years, economic and social development is increasingly becoming the main concern of world leaders and governments.

Yet the majority of Third World non-aligned countries still understandably worry that their huge foreign debts were not only marred development programmes but also weighing heavily on political stability of those countries.

As such, those debts, estimated at \$1.3 trillion, are certain to be a key problem that the Nam leaders will dwell on during their summit.

The summiters are expected to debate the debt crisis against the backdrop of a proposal put forward by HH the Amir of Kuwait last year at the UN General Assembly session when he addressed the international body in his capacity as chairman of the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC).

The Amir's proposal has called on wealthy creditor nations to forgive parts of debts and the accumulated interest to be paid by the poorer debtors.

Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who is current chairman of the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), has also made proposals to tackle the debt problem, which particularly awes his country.

Debt repayment has for more than a decade now encumbered developing economies as it sapped the desperately-needed foreign currency reserves of debtor nations and drove poor countries to the brink of bankruptcy.

Third World countries blame their woes on the advanced nations which lured them into seemingly soft loans that eventually began to choke off their economies.

Repayment became all the more difficult when interest rates shot up, and raw materials which feed developing economies with the much needed foreign cash dropped in value on international markets.

The debt problem was further augmented when the industrialised nations adopted strict protectionist measures in the face of the Third World exports.

The crisis threatened to burst totally out of control when large debtors such as Mexico and other populous Latin American countries defaulted on their debt repayments.

Remedies suggested by the United States and other industrialised nations were largely viewed by debtor nations as virtually ineffective because, debtors argue, the problem lies in the very world economic order where the poor are getting poorer and the rich richer.

Hence, the proposal by the Amir of Kuwait and that of the Egyptian President for solving the debt crisis acquire additional importance in the non-aligned summit which is expected to seek a fairer global economic system.

### Mitterrand, Thatcher open talks

## EEC issues to be reviewed

LONDON, Sept. 1, (AP): French President Francois Mitterrand conferred today with Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in their first meeting since prickly exchanges during the seven-nation economic summit in Paris in July.

The meeting at Thatcher's country residence, Chequers, north of London, was expected to focus on their main difference, moves toward closer political and monetary union in the European Economic Community. Mitterrand currently holds the rotating presidency of the 12-nation community.

Mitterrand was accompanied by his Foreign Minister, Roland Dumas, who met with the John Major, the British foreign secretary named by Thatcher last month.

The talks were the latest in regular meetings between Mitterrand and Thatcher, but the first since he took over the six-month presidency of the EEC in July.

At the Paris summit, held during celebrations for the 200th anniversary of the French Revolution, Thatcher said human rights were founded in Britain long before the bloody overthrow of the French monarchy and subsequent reign of terror.

French Premier Michel Rocard then described some policies of Thatcher's Conservative government as tending toward "social cruelty."

Mitterrand is using the EEC presidency to press ahead with a three-stage proposals for European Monetary Union, leading eventually to a single central bank and one currency. He has suggested the EEC could move without Britain.

Both have since played down their differences and officials said the talks, scheduled to last about three hours and include a working lunch, were expected to be amicable.

### Kuwait Petroleum to be launched in UK

## Crude prices fail to buckle

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Agencies): OPEC's crude oil output rose way above its self-imposed ceiling in August to its highest this year but the excess has so far failed to hit prices.

A monthly Reuters survey, based on industry and shipping sources, estimated August well-head output by the 13 members of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries at 21.62 million barrels per day (BPD).

That is 300,000 higher than the July average and two million above OPEC's own ceiling.

But output by Saudi Arabia, the biggest exporter, was stable at around five million barrels. It has not so far joined the quota-busting, the action most likely to flood the market and send petroleum prices tumbling.

Index of world spot crude prices by Britain's National Westminster Bank is steady just above \$16 per barrel. Prices sank towards \$10 in a glut a year ago but the market appears to be coping with the excess supply.

Traders say the market for refined products remains strong, with West Germany now building winter heating oil stocks, and add that they are also wary of

### UK set for oil boom

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Britain's North Sea oil industry is poised to boom with huge spending and more jobs because of stable world oil prices, according to an official report.

Oil companies are expected to spend some £27 billion (\$42 billion) in the next five years to develop North Sea oil fields, the Scottish Development Agency said.

In its two-yearly forecast, the agency said that 10,000 jobs lost in Scotland in the 1986 oil price crash will have been recovered by the end of this year.

Spending in the British sector of the North Sea, £4.6 billion (\$7.2 billion) last year, is expected to grow over the next two years to nearly £6.1 billion (\$9.5 billion) in 1991.

"Our forecasts clearly show that the UK continental shelf will remain one of the foremost areas in the world for oil and gas activity for many years to come," said SDA chief executive Iain Robertson.

The higher spending is due to increased exploration and appraisal activity and development of new fields.

selling crude down ahead of a new round of OPEC talks on September 23 in Geneva.

The hunch is that these might make progress on resolving the problem posed by some OPEC countries' demands for quota increases and thus improve organisation's supply discipline.

"This, some agree, could be a dangerous assumption but they argue that the product market could still save the day," said

Geoff Pyne, energy economist with brokers UBS-Phillips and Drew.

The Reuters estimate was obtained from sources in Europe, the Americas, the Middle East and Asia and roughly tallied with other recent estimates ranging from 21.6 to 21.8 million BPD.

"Nigerian" officials say, however, that much of their oil is going to stocks.

## GCC voices concern over investments in EEC

MANAMA, Bahrain, Sept. 1, (AP): After the United States and Japan, the Gulf Cooperation Council's six member states were reported yesterday to have expressed concern over the European Economic Community's plans to create a free market among its 12 nations by 1992.

Abdullah Al Quweiz, the GCC's assistant secretary-general for economic affairs, said in an interview that 120 investment companies and banks, holding more than \$3.5 billion, were operating in Europe.

"We would like to know their fate in light of the statutes of the unified Europe," he told the Bahrain daily newspaper Al Ayam.

The US and Japan have already expressed concern, saying the EEC plan would create a "Fortress Europe," setting up protectionist barriers for outside trading partners.

The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman.

The 120 institutions mentioned by Quweiz are only part of an estimated \$350 billion invested in the United States, Europe and some developing countries since the oil boom years of the 1970s.

Quweiz told the paper that the fate of the 120 institutions was going to be the main issue of discussion at a meeting next year in Spain between the GCC and the European

Economic Community. He specifically mentioned the impact of European unified aviation laws on GCC national airlines — Gulf Air, Saudia and Kuwait Airways.

He spoke following a day-long session in Bahrain on Wednesday between technical experts of both blocs seeking to line up long-term strategy for co-operation.

The pact was completed in 1988 after five years of arduous negotiations, but has yet to be ratified by the member states. It was devised as the best means of circumventing the nettling problem of EEC tariffs on GCC petrochemicals.

Among other things, the pact encourages joint ventures between the two

blocs through which the GCC would have easier access to the European market.

Quweiz said that the GCC was preparing a paper on its industrial and development priorities to be submitted to the four-day conference in Spain.

The paper will stress that the GCC members are principally oil-producing states and that the world, especially Europe, would continue "for a long time" to depend on that oil, he said.

The region is geographically well located to other markets, has rich capital, cheap fuel and laws encouraging investments, "all factors which not only encourage investment but give us a strong negotiating hand," Quweiz said.

## WORLD STOCK ROUNDUP

SYDNEY, Sept. 1, (Reuters): The Australian share market closed sharply lower as its recent rally came to an abrupt end. Brokers called it a long overdue correction. The All Ordinaries fell 14.5 to 1,748.8.

TOKYO: Buyers packed up early before the weekend, letting share prices drift to a broadly lower close in light trade. The Nikkei index fell 82.98 to 34,348.22.

HONG KONG: Hong Kong prices ended mixed on fears

China will soon announce the fate of deposed Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang.

BOMBAY: Share prices moved erratically on alternate bouts of buying and selling to close mixed in trading shortened to one hour. Tata Steel dropped 7.50 rupees to 1,210.

PARIS: Share prices ended firmer in hectic late trading with the CAC General index at a new all-time high. The 50-share price indicator ended 0.29 per cent higher.

## SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT AS ON 31/08/1989			
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3	Sea Coral	Algh Barwil	4842988
6	Tabuk	KSA	4843150
11	Shaan	ISA	2441860
14	Pan Riser	Gh & Q	4347815
F.D	Gogo Royal	Algh Barwil	4842988

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT			
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31/8	Ibn Almoatiz	KSC	4843150
31/8	Rashidah	Gh & Q	4347815
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01/9	Hual Trotter	A.M. Bahar	2459891
01/9	Wolfs Burg	United	2457958

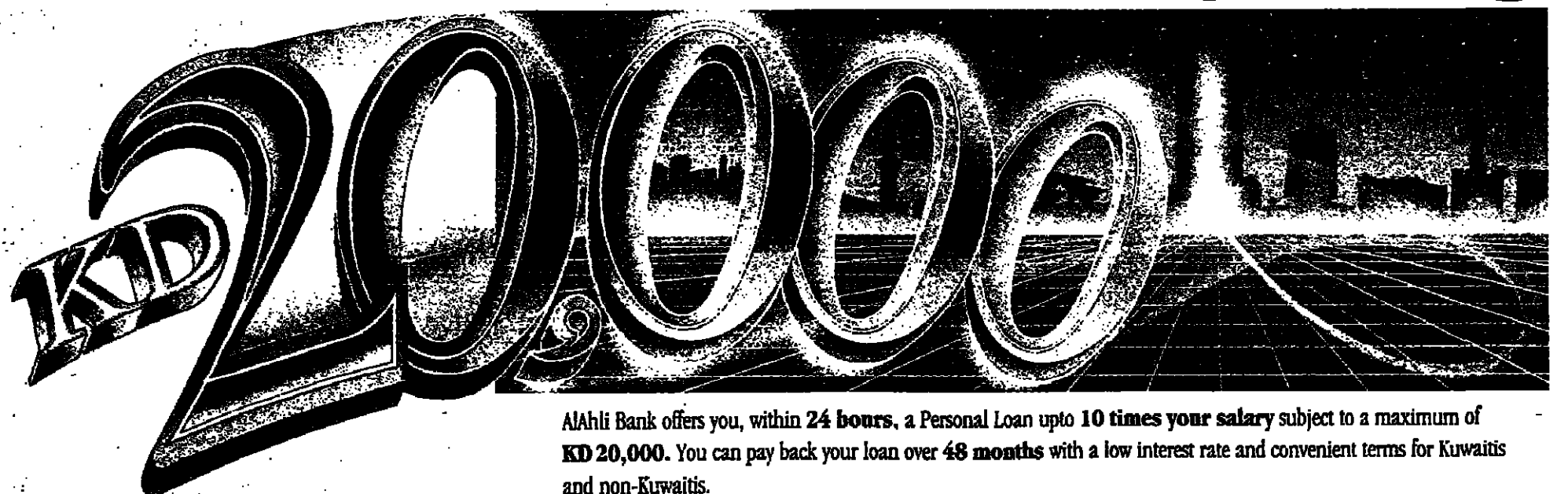
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Budapest	RSMS	2423642	

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# Sri Lanka's economy hit by strikes, terror

COLOMBO, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Sri Lanka's economy is deteriorating fast and only a quick end to widespread strikes and terror can halt the trend, diplomats and businessmen say.

As the Indian Ocean island approached the end of the latest general strike called by the leftwing People's Liberation Front (JVP), Sri Lankan businessmen and foreign diplomats warned that the government needed to win its murderous conflict with the organisation quickly or the economy could collapse.

"There is a total production breakdown," said one of Sri Lanka's most prominent businessmen. "An economic collapse has to happen if this disruption continues."

"We are living from day to day. You cannot run an economy on that basis."

Sri Lankan officials accuse the Front of killing over 3,000 people since it began its campaign to topple the government

just over two years ago.

Using terror tactics to back its strike calls, the JVP has tried to create economic anarchy to undermine the government's authority and pave the way for its overthrow.

A five-day strike ending today severely hit private and state businesses throughout the country, disrupted transportation and port activity and stopped work on many of Sri Lanka's important tea and rubber estates, particularly in the JVP's traditional stronghold in the south of the island.

The Central Bank governor said the effects of the strikes varied from area to area.

"A strike of two to three months without a break would be disastrous," Neville Karunatilake told Reuters in an interview. "But a strike of four to five days can be tolerated."

He dismissed rumours circulating in the capital, Colombo, that Sri Lanka's

foreign exchange reserves only covered

two weeks of imports as totally incorrect. And there was no prospect that the former British colony would have to join the Third World nations and reschedule a foreign debt he put at around \$4.2 billion.

"There is no need for Sri Lanka to reschedule. We can meet our debt service commitments without considerable difficulty," Karunatilake said.

He said Sri Lanka's burgeoning garment industry had been the principal sufferer from the wildcat strikes and orders had been lost. Exports of tea, rubber, coconuts and gems had less pressing export deadlines, he stated.

He added that industrial output during the first half of 1989 was only two per cent down on the same 1988 period and forecast that Sri Lanka's real gross domestic product (GDP) — the total value of goods and services produced in a country — would rise 3.5 per cent this

year from 2.7 per cent in 1988.

Karunatilake also expressed confidence that the International Monetary Fund (IMF) would release the second tranche of a \$187 million structural adjustment facility which diplomats say is crucial because of a serious balance of payments situation.

The fund gave \$40 million as the first tranche in March 1988 but did not release the second tranche of \$87 million due last March.

Talks between IMF and Sri Lankan officials ended in Colombo last Monday and "the impression the IMF delegation will give its board is certainly not unfavourable," Karunatilake said.

The diplomats and businessmen said the Central Bank's confidence in the island's economic future was exaggerated.

A United States embassy report on Sri Lanka's economy released in July put real GDP growth this year at 1.5 per cent.

World Bank-sponsored talks on new aid pledges to Sri Lanka to be held in Paris in October could be affected by the country's escalating death toll, diplomats said.

Colombo received \$612 million in 1988 and is hoping for \$750 million this year.

West Germany has already closed temporarily some aid projects affected by rebel violence in the centre of the island and other countries are keeping the security situation under daily review.

Overseas businessmen are still attracted by the open-door policies of the pro-Western Premadasa government but the economic outlook now contrasts markedly with the situation at the beginning of the decade, when Sri Lanka was regarded as one of the best investment bets in the Third World.

"Educated Sri Lankans are saying they have given up and have no future here."

## Baghdad bypasses waterway to boost imports

# Iraq, Bahrain keen to expand trade ties

BAHRAIN, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Iraq and Bahrain are exploring ways to boost economic, commercial and technical ties, Iraqi Finance Minister Himat Omar Mukheilif said yesterday.

Mukheilif said a joint economic committee had been upgraded to ministerial level and would discuss ways of expanding co-operation during three-day talks.

"We are looking for a new approach to expand co-operation between our two countries in every field — economic, trade, financial and technical," he told Reuters.

Officials from finance, commerce and industry ministries would complete their work tomorrow, he said.

Bahrain finance officials said trade was likely to be the focus of talks between Mukheilif and his Bahraini counterpart Ibrahim Abdel-Karim because last year's ceasefire in the eight-year-old Iran-Iraq war had lifted many barriers.

During 1988, Iraq imported

around 2.5 million dinars (\$6.6 million) of mainly aluminium products from Bahrain while Bahrain imported 200,000 dinars (\$530,000) of Iraqi chemicals and agricultural goods, they said.

Bankers said Mukheilif's visit was a further sign of rapidly developing relations between debt-burdened Iraq and Arab states of the wealthy six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC).

The GCC — an economic and political alliance grouping Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates — banked Baghdad in its conflict with Tehran.

Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are believed to have spent \$30 to \$35 billion bankrolling Iraq's war effort.

Meanwhile, Iraq is frantically expanding Gulf trade routes cut off since the outbreak of the war with Iran in 1980 but is bypassing its main port Basra on the disputed Shatt Al Arab waterway.

For the first time in years, Baghdad has begun commercial

imports through Kuwait and it has reopened two ports on a waterway well west of the Shatt and the Iranian border.

But the ports, Zubair and Umm Qasr on the narrow Khor Zubair — a shallow channel through mudflats and featureless desert — are off bounds to the larger ships Iraq needs for its imports.

Shipping executives say Zubair was built in the 1970s but was mothballed after only a few months because of the war with Iran. Umm Qasr, first opened in 1969, was also closed.

Although a ceasefire went into effect a year ago, the Shatt is still blocked by mines, silt and sunken ships. Stalled peace talks between Iraq and Iran have failed to decide where along the waterway their border lies.

Iraq wants the Shatt cleared immediately but Iran will consent only on the basis of the 1975 Algiers agreement which drew the international border down the middle. Iraq tore up the pact at the start of the war and now

claims complete control.

Shippers said it would be years before Basra could be used as a port again and questioned whether it was worth the effort.

"It would be a hellish job to clear the river even if there was peace," said one shipper. "Basra port is old fashioned. It has little commercial value — only political value."

The shippers said the journey up the Shatt to Basra was long and slow. Reaching the new ports took about a third the time.

Iraq has transferred some import business to the Gulf from its war-time ports of Aqaba in Jordan and Mersin in Turkey.

Iraqi commercial imports through Kuwait shot up to 282,000 tonnes during July from virtually nil before last year's ceasefire, according to shipping sources.

Most of the imports have been grain and supplies for major reconstruction projects in Basra and Iraq's Fao peninsula.

## Gold found on site of Somali oil refinery

MOGADISHU, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Commercially exploitable deposits of gold, tungsten and other minerals have been found in coastal sand dunes south of Somalia's capital Mogadishu during surveys for the construction of a new oil refinery, officials said.

Haji Mohamed Hashi Haile, chairman of the Somali-Somali Company which is building the \$500 million refinery, made the announcement at a news conference yesterday.

Romanian experts surveying the refinery site had discovered gold, silver, tungsten, manganese, chromium, titanium and nickel close to the surface of the dunes, he said.

The deposits of gold and tungsten were particularly high and a three-man team of Romanian geologists would arrive in Somalia shortly to officially quantify the mineral reserves, Haile said.

Similar mineral deposits had been found in other parts of Somalia deep underground, but those at the refinery site were close to the surface and could be exploited relatively cheaply, he added.

The dune belt stretches 170 km (110 miles) south of Mogadishu to the small fishing port of Brava.

Haile said the Somali government had given the go-ahead for his company to recover the minerals, but he declined to give a starting date for mining operations.

The refinery, which is being built by the Romanian firm Industriale Import-Export, is a joint venture between the private firm Haji Hashi Mohamed and the Somali government and the Al-Saltan Trading and Construction Company of Saudi Arabia.

Haile said the plant would process crude supplied by the Saudi Arabian oil company Petronas, 95 per cent of which would be re-exported to other countries in Africa, including member states of the 16-nation preferential trade area of eastern and southern Africa.

Construction work on the 10 million tonnes per year capacity refinery would begin in January, he added.

## Treasury bills oversubscribed

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (KUNA): Institutional investors heavily oversubscribed to a 110 million Kuwaiti dinar treasury bill issue floated by the Central Bank on Tuesday.

A bank statement pointed out that 13 investors put up KD201.35 million, worth 183.045 per cent of the issue's value.

Unit prices ranged 98.165-97.686 per cent, allowing a yield of 7.498 to 9.501 per cent, the statement said, adding that the bank increased the issue's value to KD116.3 million.

The bank accepted unit price offers of 97.967 per cent, providing a coupon of 8.324 per cent annum.

## Foreign banks to sue Norway

OSLO, Sept. 1, (Reuters): A group of 21 foreign banks said yesterday they would sue the Norwegian government for some \$80 million they say they are owed after state arms firm Kongsberg Vapenfabrikk (KV) went bankrupt in 1987.

John Church, a director of Midland Bank PLC in London who is representing the banks in Oslo, told Reuters a writ would be sent to the city court today.

"We are very disappointed at the government attitude... we've tried the moral argument, now we are going to court," he said.

Norway's Industry Ministry has rejected the banks' earlier demands for negotiations on the subject. The ministry and the former board of KV are being sued. No one at the Industry Ministry was available for comment.

Banks involved include Hambros Bank and Kleinwort Benson in London and Kansallis in Finland, as well as others in France, Luxembourg and Australia's Westpac.

After lending money to KV in the 1970s and 1980s, they alleged the government played a major role in managing the company and that it should therefore cover the firm's debts.

Norway's Labour government formally split up KV in 1987 in the wake of a scandal over high-technology sales to the Soviet Union. It built a new company, Norsk Forsvarsteknologi (NFT), from the core operations. NFT has been profitable.

## US jobless rate unchanged

### Despite impact of a telephone strike

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): The US unemployment rate remained steady in August at 5.2 per cent, the same level as July, while the pace of job growth was robust despite the impact of a telephone strike, the Labour Department said today.

The report, providing the first hint that US economic expansion in August remained vigorous, showed that all but farm jobs grew by a seasonally-adjusted 110,000 from a revised 184,000 in July.

In another report the Commerce Department said the index of leading economic indicators rose a slight 0.2 per cent in July after remaining unchanged in June.

The index, which seeks to predict the US economy's behaviour three to nine months ahead, signalled that slow but steady growth would continue.

Economists on average expected the index to rise 0.3 per cent in July. The Commerce Department previously reported a 0.1 per cent fall in the index in June.

The leading index has declined in three of the past seven months and risen in three months. June was revised upward to show no change from May based on more data that showed a longer average workweek.

The Commerce Department said five of 11 indicators that make up the index rose in July, led by an increase in money supply.

Among the other components

## Factory orders dip

WASHINGTON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): US factory orders fell an unexpectedly steep 1.7 per cent in July to their lowest level all year, a fresh sign that the nation's manufacturing activity is slowing, the government said yesterday.

Economists had expected factory orders, a key measure of the manufacturing sector of the economy, to fall 0.9 per cent in July.

The decrease in orders to a seasonally adjusted \$231.26 billion included sharp declines in demand for durable goods — big ticket items meant to last three years — and for military items.

June orders for factory goods were revised upward to a 0.6 per cent increase from the previous 0.4 per cent rise, the US Commerce Department said.

Excluding the volatile defence category, orders fell 1.1 per cent in July after remaining unchanged in June.

The department also revised last week's reported 1.9 per cent decline in July in orders for durable goods to a drop of 2.2 per cent.

While the economy has shown surprising strength in important areas like consumer spending and exports, the trend in factory orders in the first half of 1989 has been flat.

The report, coupled with order data, suggests that the nation's seven-year old economic expansion, the longest in peacetime history, is headed for a "soft landing" in which growth at a slowed pace without harmful inflation.

Economists have said the economy's manufacturing sector is slowing while consumer spending, which accounts for two-thirds of economic activity and has remained relatively strong, continues to spur growth.

The Federal Reserve Board's decision to let interest rates fall earlier this summer boosted consumer spending, leaving the economy stronger than many had expected.

showing gains were consumer expectations, stock prices, orders for new equipment, and manufacturers' unfilled orders.

Five factors that make up the index were negative — higher prices for raw materials, orders for consumer goods, unemployment insurance claims, building permits and factory inventories.

Recent data on the economy have shown improvement in consumer spending, personal income and the trade deficit.

Over the past seven months the leading index has fallen at an annual rate of 1.2 per cent.

## Nigeria's black market gives money-changers a hard run

LAGOS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Nigeria's flourishing black market is giving officially sanctioned money changers a hard run for their money.

Desperate to maintain their grip on scarce supplies of foreign exchange, the black marketeers are offering better rates than newly licenced Bureaux De Change.

"Black marketeers are playing us out," said Christopher Oloyede, owner of Standard Bureau De Change Ltd, one of six bureaux opened two weeks ago.

The bureaux, licenced by the Finance Ministry and approved by the Central Bank, were approved to divert foreign exchange away from the black market and to keep track of such funds.

They aim to attract people who want small amounts of foreign exchange who might otherwise be driven to the illegal but pervasive black market.

Nigerians want hard cash for travelling abroad where they buy everything from

cars to videos to spare parts for machines.

But the oil-based economy is stretched by debt and a high level of imports, and demand for foreign exchange in the form of petrodollars outstrips supply eightfold.

Two of the new bureaux are outside Lagos and more than 20 others have been approved by the Central Bank and should be licenced soon.

Under government guidelines, they are free to fix rates for buying and selling, subject to a margin of one per cent between the two rates. Their outgoings are strictly regulated and they have to maintain no more than the equivalent of \$250,000 at the end of any given week.

The one per cent spread restriction gives black marketeers an advantage since they enjoy greater flexibility in dealing with customers, Oloyede said.

But some customers with lots of hard currency to sell have changed small amounts with the bureaux, then used the

receipts to bargain for better rates on the black market, he said.

"They are now using us as a bargain point," Oloyede said.

He said that during the first three days of his company opening shop in Broad Street, Lagos's main financial centre and heartland of the currency black market, business was brisk as curiosity drove people to take advantage of the new system.

But black marketeers soon struck back, closely watching the opposition and offering higher rates to clients willing to take the risks of dealing with illegal operators, he said.

Oloyede estimated that Bureaux De Change have captured between five to 10 per cent of the unofficial market.

The dollar in late August was selling for around 10.10 naira in Bureaux De Change, while the black market offered about 10.20, he said. On the official market it was 7.3 naira.

The new bureaux, burdened with higher overheads than the street money sellers, still only make modest profits.

Oloyede said that his company, probably the busiest in the country, made between 400 and 500 naira a day.

"Business is slow... it's not going to be as rosy as people think," said Samuel Ocheja, proprietor of BTS Securities Limited, one of two bureaux De Change in the exclusive district of Ikoyi.

Ocheja was however optimistic that as people gained confidence in the new system, with its advantage of legality and security over the black market, business would pick up.

"The black market will find it increasingly difficult to continue and will eventually disappear."

Bureaux operators said that the real boom would come only when they are able to attract the big buyers who are still inclined towards the black market.

## Jordan raises hotel prices

AMMAN, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Visitors to Jordan will pay up to 50 per cent more for their hotel rooms from today unless their holidays are already booked, Tourism Minister Hikmat Yanai said.

"We will now quote prices in dollars, although tourists will still be able to pay in local currency at the rate in force on the day they arrive," he told Reuters yesterday.

The decision to raise prices was to compensate hoteliers and tour operators for inflation and the slump in the dinar, which has lost more than a third of its dollar value since October.

"We agreed to adjust the prices to correspond with the value of the dinar and the economic situation," Hikmat said. "About 15 per cent is for inflation and the rest for the change in the dinar. The previous prices were very low and not realistic."

He said the new prices, ranging from \$100 a night for a single room at a five-star hotel to \$12 at a one-star hotel, should enable hoteliers to improve their services.

The increases will not apply to groups whose package tours have already been arranged, and lower rates will be on offer to Jordanians and Arabs permanently resident here.

"This year has been a very good year and we are expecting a great increase (in tourist arrivals)," Hikmat said.

Package tours brought 39,000 tourists to Jordan in the first six months of 1989, compared with 62,000 in the whole of 1988. This year's visitors spent an average 4.9 nights in Jordan, against an average 4.7 nights last year, ministry figures show.

Tour operators have already block-booked the better hotels at Jordan's most popular tourist draws, the Red Sea beach at Aqaba and the ancient ruins of Petra, from October until May.

An acute shortage of hotel beds at these key attractions is hampering growth in the tourist industry, a vital source of foreign exchange for the debt-burdened kingdom.

## KD deposit rates steady

KUWAIT, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates were mostly steady yesterday in quiet trade.

Dealers said the Central Bank intervened to buy and sell treasury bills in an attempt to smooth out supply and demand for funds.

Overnight deposits, bid at four per cent on Wednesday, were offered at four with no takers. Tomorrow's next and spot-next dealt at seven and one week at 7-3/4.

One month firmed 1/8 point to 8-1/2 1/4, and three months to one year were little changed at the same level.

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29955/65 from 0.29876/86 on Wednesday.

Meanwhile Saudi riyal interbank deposits remained steady in dull trade yesterday, reflecting slack demand and little movement in Eurodollar rates.

Dealers said most operators had already squared short-term positions ahead of the Gulf Friday weekend. Spot-next rose to 9-3/8, 1/8 per cent from 7-7/8 1/2 but this mainly reflected technical adjustment. One-week was steady at 8-7/8, 5/8.

The one-month to one-year maturities were indicated little changed in a flat yield curve of 8-7/8, 3/4 per cent.

## Egypt protects wheat, cooking oil

CAIRO, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Walking a political tightrope between foreign exchange reform, Egypt is using creative accounting to protect wheat, flour and cooking oil from rising prices.

Under pressure from the International Monetary Fund this month raised its "Central Bank rate," an artificial rate which acts as a hidden subsidy on prices.

"The IMF has always said that if Egypt had the budget to do so, it could protect sensitive commodities when the rate was changed," one economist said.

On paper at least, staple commodities should have line with the rise in the rate by more than a half.

But Egypt has instead kept wheat, flour and cooking oil through an accounting trick which allowed it to keep from state-owned companies into subsidies.

It thus managed to go part of the way to meet 1 increase the rate without increasing discontent over its sensitive political issue — the price of bread.

Bread prices have already crept up due to other subsidies. But Egypt, where a rise in bread prices in 19 riots, is keen to avoid too sharp an increase.

But economists said the move might not be enough IMF, whose endorsement is needed by Egypt before some of its \$50 billion of foreign debt.

Egypt has raised the Central Bank rate to 1.10 per cent from 0.70. The official rate is 12.55.

The IMF wants the Central Bank rate abolished transactions carried out at the phase-out at the single Egyptian newspapers say a six-year phase-out is plan.

The Central Bank rate is applied to key imports and the Suez Canal company and the state oil company. If the revenues, Egypt can offset the lower price of its keeping exercise.

In effect, revenue from the two state-run foreign exchange to hold down the price of staple foods.

Under the system introduced this month, economic and revenues will be calculated at the new rate.

## Inflation rises 29

### Highest rate in 4 year

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Sept. 1, (AP): Brazil's 29.34 per cent in August, the highest rate in four years official statistics.

August's inflation, the highest monthly increase since July's rate of 28.76 per cent, the Brazilian Statistics Institute announced yesterday. The government's figures are official.

The accumulated rate since January reached 359.0 per cent for the last 12 months totalled 1,084 per cent, their Health care pushed up the cost of living more than jumping 39.11 per cent for the month. Home articles of food and transportation and communication rose 34 per cent.

Personal articles rose 32.70 per cent, housing went 21.01 per cent, and clothing jumped 20.11 per cent.

The government, which predicted inflation would per cent a month in August, welcomed the amount.

## Tokyo stock prices

Eisai	2260	Renown Look In	
Eisaku Ltd.	6910	Sanyo Electric Co	
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4600	Secom Co., Ltd.	
Fujitsu Ltd.	1510	Shin-Etsu Chemi	
Hitachi Credit	1900	Shindengen Elect	
Hitachi Koki	1890	Sony Corporation	
Hitachi Ltd.	1560	Sanmitsu Elec	
Hitachi Metal	1540	Sankosha Metal	
Honda Motor	1920	Takeda Chemical	
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	4700	TDK Corporation	
Kajima Corporation	2030	Tokio Marine Fin	
Kawasaki Heavy Ind	1030	Tokyo Elec. Pow	
Kobe Cast-Iron Works	918	Tokyo Electron I	
Kokusai Elec.	3120	Toppan Printing	
Komatsu Ltd.	1230	Toray Industries	
Kyocera Corporation	3610	Toysota Corpora	
Marui	3990	Toyota Motor Co	
Matsushita Comm. Ind	2130	Yaskawa Electric	
Matsushita Electric	2320	Provided by Nam	
Matsda Motor Corp	1060	kins (Mitsubishi)	



## This week on KTV 2

- SUNDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Care Bears: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Sea Hunt: "The Sea Hunts" Been Stolen. "Dick" and "Ed" attempt to mislead Dr Mike in order to steal all information he gathered and collected.
- 7.00 The Day The Universe Changed: "The Way We Are." We are the product of our knowledge and our understanding of the world is constantly being modified by innovation and discovery.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Flying Doctors: "Give A Dog A Bad Name." A man and his wife arrive on the occasion of the annual carnival used to be held in the town. Suddenly his wife feels sick and the flying doctors have to find the cause of her sickness.
- 9.30 Super Sense — Sixth Sense: This sense is clearly noticed in animals and birds and widely used by such creatures. How certain animals can foretell and sense earthquakes and natural calamities before time.
- 10.00 Kate and Allie: Kate is involved in the employment of her friend Allie where she has to keep watching her.
- 10.30 Bestseller: "The Four Minutes Mile" (Part II). The pressures the athletes were subjected to. The fever of nationalism and the precarious balance between success
- and failure.
- 12.00 News in Brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown
- MONDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Bionic Six: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Scheme of Things: The history of microscopes development. Surgical operations carried out by utilizing microscopes. Micro-computer chips.
- 7.00 Roving Report: A weekly round-up of local, Arab and international news, events and activities.
- 7.30 Charles in Charge: Charles convinces the family to accept his stupid friend to work in the house during his absence.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Paradise: "Honour Bound." (Part II). "Ethan" continues his pursuit of "Janine's" men and keeping them away from the town of Paradise.
- 9.30 227: "Babes In The Woods." While on a hike with Alexandria and her Buttercup troop, Mary and Sandra capture an escaped killer.
- 10.00 Tales Of The Unexpected: "There is One Born Every Day." A man convinces his wife to purchase a plot of land, but a man alleging that he is the company's representative collects the money and runs away.
- 10.30 Jack and Mike: "Cry Uncle." Mike's sister disappears immediately after her arrival with her

son ... A man comes later on and alleges that he is "Evan's father."

11.30 News in Brief

11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

- TUESDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Amigo and Friends: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 The Cuckoo Sister: Kate feels that she is neglected by her parents and runs away from home. A woman tells her later that her parents are preoccupied in searching for her missing sister.
- 7.00 Gone Fishing: "New Zealand Brown Trout." A look at the world's most popular recreational sport. Types of fish, where to find it, how to go there.
- 7.30 The New Adventure Of Beans Baxter: "Beans Gets His Driver's Licence." Beans mother help him to get his driving licence upon reaching his 16 years of age.
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Different World
- 9.00 Horizon: "Traces Of Murder." Modern technology including computer systems are utilized in tracing criminals and analysing any traces left by them on their crimes sites.
- 10.00 Hooperman: "Stakeout." Hooperman is ordered to co-operate with one of his relatives who is transferred to work in the same area.
- 10.30 L.A. Law: "The Plane Mutiny." "Dave" succeeds in promoting Arnold's tapes in spite of his partner's objection. Victor becomes involved in love affair with Van Owen who serves as a prosecutor.
- 11.30 News in Brief
- 11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

- WEDNESDAY**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Trollkins: A cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Safari To Adventure: "Wildlife Protectors." The activities carried out by a team specialized in protecting wild animals in the African forests.
- 7.00 Danger Bay: "Jan." A visiting Czech science student sneaks away from his group and the Roberts family takes him in not anticipating that he plans to defect.
- 7.30 Body Matter
- 8.00 News in English
- 8.30 Simon & Simon: "The Richer They Are, The



A scene from Flying Doctors on KTV2 on Sunday at 8.30 pm.

Harder They Fall." In spite of being a sportsman who has a strong body, Catherine's son "Tommy" falls dead suddenly. "Cathy" requests the Simon's brothers to investigate the cause of her son's death.

9.30 Best of British: A look at films which dealt with horror and thrillers.

10.00 Learning The Ropes "Teacher's Pet Peeve." Mark expects to receive special treatment when his father takes the class of biology.

10.30 A Classical Movie: "Trade Winds." Starring: Fredric March, Joan Bennette, Ralph Belamy. A girl who thinks she has committed murder flees to the Far East, and a cynical detective is sent to bring her back. Guess what happens.

**THURSDAY**

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 The Real Ghost Busters: A cartoon series for children.

6.30 Take Hart: An educational programme for children.

7.00 The Intruders: "Dear Oh Dear." There are 15 types of antelopes in Australia where special farms are built for them like cattle.

7.30 T and T: "Conspiracy." A group of boys find a

box full of money and start spending generously. A man notices their new behaviour and asks Mr T to watch them closely.

8.00 News in English

8.30 Murder, She Wrote

9.30 TV Bloopers & Practical Jokes: A variety of unexpected events and practical jokes occur while actors or actresses are performing their duty.

10.30 Feature film: "Pursuit of the Graf Spee." Starring: Peter Finch, John Gergson, Anthony Quayle. A World War II mysterious and dramatic naval mission: Destruction of formidable German battleship the Graf Spee.

12.15 News in Brief

12.30 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

**FRIDAY**

6.00 Opening and Holy Quran

6.10 Silver Hawks: A cartoon series for children

6.30 Inter Bang: The Gang's boss arrests professor Willner and forces the latter to give him valuable information which he conveys to the killer who goes quickly to New York for getting the key secret of the Tower.

7.00 Walt Disney: "Solomon, The Sea Turtle." A look at sea turtles and their endurance in swimming long distances in water.

8.00 New in English

8.30 Breaking Away: Recreational and entertainment activities carried out by the Touristic Enterprises Company (TEC) in various parts in Kuwait.

8.45 The World About Us: A variety of news and events from various parts of the world.

9.15 Miami Vice: "Line Of Fire." Miami police team is changed to protect a man witness for the prosecutor against a dangerous gangster. Many attempts is made for killing the witness which compelled the team to suspect that one of them is co-operating with the gang!

10.00 Valerie: "Whose Team Is It Anyway." The coach refuses to train the team and Valerie has to carry out his mission!

10.30 Moonlighting: "In In Outlaws." "Vapula" decides to introduce his fiancée "Dipesto" to his family, but she was unable to come in time!

11.30 News in Brief

11.45 Magazine D'Actualite and Closedown

## NIGHT CHEMIST

Kuwait  
Ahlam Pharmacy  
Fahd Al Salem St. Al Mutta-hida Complex  
Al Kawthar Pharmacy  
Abdulla Al Mubarak St., opp. Murgab police station  
Hawalli and Nagra  
Zainab Pharmacy  
Ibn Khaldoun St., Hassan Al Jarallah Bldg.  
Salmiya and Rumeithiya  
Randa Pharmacy  
Salem Al Mubarak St.  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Ithad Pharmacy  
Fahad, Makkah St.  
Kheitas  
Al Fahd Pharmacy  
New Kheitan  
Jabra  
Abul Pharmacy  
Dubul Al Khuzai, opp. the educational area

## CINEMA

Andalus  
Lost Idol  
Salmiya  
Hall Reserved  
Al Hamra  
Arabic film: Al Mushaghibat  
Fi Khatar  
Drive-In  
Arabic film: Al Mawled  
Firdous  
Johnny I love you  
Fahad Open  
Toofan  
Fahad  
New Delhi  
Jabra  
Halloween IV  
Granada  
Low Blow  
Salaibkhat  
Arabic film: Thaman Al Gharb  
Al Juleb  
Moonam Pakkam  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
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## KTV I weekly highlights

- Sunday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial. Starring: Hayat Al Fahad, Abdullah Al Hobail, Khaled Al Obaid and Hayfa Adel
- 12.15 That's Incredible: variety programme
- 1.30 Sport Billy: cartoon serial
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 3.25 Al Tenseen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial
- 4.30 Dokhan Billa Nar: Arabic feature film.
- 7.00 Space Invasion: cultural programme
- 7.45 Fi Khedmat Al Jomhoor: local programme
- 8.15 Diwanat Shuara Al Nabat: local programme
- 9.45 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial
- 10.30 Variety, late night programme (Sahra Monawaa)
- Monday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial
- 12.15 Summer Clubs: local programme
- 1.30 Al Shanakeel: cartoon serial
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 3.15 Innah Al Haq: religious programme
- 4.30 Meera Al Seneen: historical serial
- 5.30 Children and summer
- 7.00 The World of Tomorrow: cultural serial
- 8.15 Holy Quran and Science: religious programme
- 9.45 Omsiyat Al Ithneen: local programme
- 10.15 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial
- 11.00 Ihtimalat: cultural programme
- Tuesday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoon
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial
- 12.15 Hikayat Maa Al Nojoom: variety programme with show guest Ismael Yaseen
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 4.30 Tahta Al Moraqaba: Arabic feature.
- 7.00 Hikayat Al Asmai: historical programme
- 8.00 Nadwat Al Osboo: local programme
- 9.45 Ana We Inta Wa Baba
- Fi Al Mishmish:**
- 10.30 Tamr Henna: Arabic feature film.
- Wednesday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: children cultural programme
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 4.00 Football match
- 6.00 Lila Min Alf Lila Wa Lila: children programme
- 7.00 The World About Us: cultural programme
- 8.30 Our Environment: local programme
- 9.45 The new daily Arabic serial: Wajeeda Wa Sameh.
- 10.30 Mahakem Billa Sojoon: Beduin serial (last part)
- Thursday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: Arabic serial
- 11.15 Al Dana: local serial
- 12.15 Al Hesn: recreational programme
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 4.30 Thata Masa: local feature.
- 7.00 Cultural film
- 7.30 Egypt information message
- 8.30 Maa Al Islam: religious programme
- 9.45 Wajeeda Wa Sameh: Arabic serial
- 10.30 Al Donya Gara Fiba Ieh: Arabic feature film.
- Friday**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.30 Cartoons
- 10.30 Al Ahadeeth al Mawdoaa: religious programme
- 11.00 Live from the Grand Mosque for Friday prayers and speeches
- 12.30 Alwan: variety programme
- 1.30 Istirahat Al Joma (Friday Break): variety programme
- 3.30 Cartoons
- 4.00 Ghalat Ya Nas: local play. Starring: Abdul Aziz Masood Maryam Al Saleh, Ibrahim Al Salal, Ibrahim Al Chaddan
- 7.00 Kuwait in a week: local programme
- 8.15 Popular variety
- 8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboo: religious programme
- 9.45 Wrestling
- 10.30 Kalema: variety programme, show guest Mohammed Abdo.

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

- KTV 1**
- 9.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 9.15 Sabah Al Khir news and variety
- 9.30 Ifah Ya Simsim: children cultural programme
- 10.00 Magazine D'Actualite
- 10.15 Asr Al Hob: daily Arabic serial
- 11.00 Sabah Al Khir news and variety
- 11.15 Rqaya Wa Sheecha: local serial (part I). Starring: Suad Abdullah and Hayat Al Fahad, Ghanim Al Saleh
- 12.00 Sabah Al Khir news and variety
- 12.15 Min Al Ghadi: weekly Arabic serial. Starring: Ihsan Sadeq, Mershal Thabet and Saad Rashdan
- 1.00 News Summary
- 1.05 The World Today via satellite
- 1.30 Al Shanakeel: cartoon serial
- 2.00 Variety
- 2.15 Al Hejra Ila Al Watan: Arabic serial
- 3.15 Innah Al Haq: religious programme
- 3.35 Al Tenseen Al Sagheer: cartoon serial
- 4.00 Al Sohoon Al Tarar: foreign feature film
- 6.00 Variety
- 6.30 Night chemists, airlines and official advertisements
- 7.00 Cultural film
- 7.30 Noor Al Islam: religious programme
- 8.00 Shuara Al Saf Al Thani: cultural programme
- 9.00 Arabic news
- 9.45 Ana We Inta Wa Baba Fi Al Mishmish: Arabic serial
- 10.30 Al Zaman Al Saab: Arabic feature. Starring: Safa Al Sabe, Ahmad Abdul Warath and Ahmad Salala
- 12.00 News summary
- KTV 2**
- 6.00 Opening and Holy Quran
- 6.10 Popples: a cartoon series for children
- 6.30 Owl. A look at same animals in Latin America. How water pressure is exploited. A look at a type of spider living under water.
- 7.00 Wild World of Animals. Sea Otters. Sea Otters compete directly with fishermen for valuable shellfish. The struggle between man and animal for the rights to nature.
- 7.30 Full House. Joey Gets Tough. Danny's family members participate in a TV commercial.
- 8.00 News in English.
- 8.30 Starman. The Grifters. When Starman hits Beverly Hills, he inadvertently gets involved in a sting operation masterminded by two bumbling men.
- 9.30 The Nuclear Age. "Missile Experimentation." Rockets race between the two great powers along with nuclear war-heads rocket carrier.
- 10.30 TV Movie. Stepford Children. Starring: Don Murray, Pat Corbey. A look at modern and future relations between parents and children in an imaginary scientific and social educational point of view.
- 12.00 News in brief
- 12.15 Magazine D'Actualite and closedown



A scene from Full House on KTV2 today at 7.30 pm.

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm only. Natural history exhibits from in and around Kuwait, including blue whale. Closed on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm. Collection includes rare Islamic artefacts, Quranic manuscripts, ceramics, carpets and marine equipment.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am to 12 noon. Collection of Islamic arts, costumes and jewellery from the Muslim world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12 noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits include bedouin handicrafts — rugs, saddle bags, cushions and textiles. Closed on Friday.

## SOCIAL

**Indian food festival**  
RAMADA Al Salam is organising an Indian food festival from Sunday Sept 3 till Thursday Sept 7, 1989. Big variety of delicious Indian dishes and sweets, this is beside the authentic Indian atmosphere tailored to match the occasion. Time: from 7 pm up to midnight. Place: El Bender Coffee Shop.

**Onam celebration**  
SEPT 14: It has been proposed to celebrate the Onam Festival at Indian Arts Circle. A committee is formed with Dr K.T.B. Menon and M. Mathews as the patrons. The programme will start at 7 pm with cultural programmes and will be followed by a fabulous traditional Ona Sadhya. Passes will be available with K.C. Eapen. Tel: 2405100 (Off), 5339425 (Res) C.T. Kuravilla, 4745628 (Off), 5638602 (Res), Madhu, Tel: 5638762 (Res) or at IAC office 3904817.

**Syndicate live**  
SEPT 15: In a rare spirit of

comradery, two leading Goan organisations in Kuwait, the Weekend Club and Kuwait Goans, will jointly host "Syndicate Live," a musical extravaganza, at the Indian Arts Circle auditorium, featuring Goa's one and only, The Syndicate, with Kuwait's Top Ranks, Perfect Strangers and Stepping Stones with a host of local artists. Watch out for booking plans.

**Kalpak exhibition**  
SEPT 15: Women's wing of Kerala Art and Literature Promoting Association of Kuwait (Kalpak) will hold an exhibition of arts and handicrafts at the Indian embassy hall from 3 pm to 8 pm. Those interested to show their own creation, please contact on telephone No: 5632708/4316737/5626620.

**Melody Night '89**  
AN evening of popular Indian music by local stars from 6.30 pm to 10 pm on Friday 8th Sept '89, at the Sharq Co-op Society Hall. For details contact Tel: 5640389 between 3.00 pm and 10.00 pm or Al Bahar Video, Tel: 5615730.

**Filcheck chess**  
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess Club in Kuwait (Filcheck) invites all Filipino Chess enthusiasts to join the first "Active Chess Tournament."

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**Breeze '89**  
OCT 26: Trivm Centre's — Breeze '89 is going to hit the floors of Ramada Al Salam hotel New Ballroom at a social evening organised in commemoration of village festival. Top Rank and Stepping Stones will provide scintillating music, lots of surprises await. For further information pls contact the organisers, Casimir or Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67 after 3.30 pm.

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**D'Assisi Association**  
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**Konkani drama**  
NOVEMBER 2, 3: The new GOA presents M. Boyer's "Chintam Zallim Sopnam" at the IAC (Funaites). Cast includes the Charlie Chaplin of Goa "Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty Naz and others. For tickets contact Canary Video (Sharq) or Video Club (near GPO).

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## SPORTS

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**Ahmadi kart racing**  
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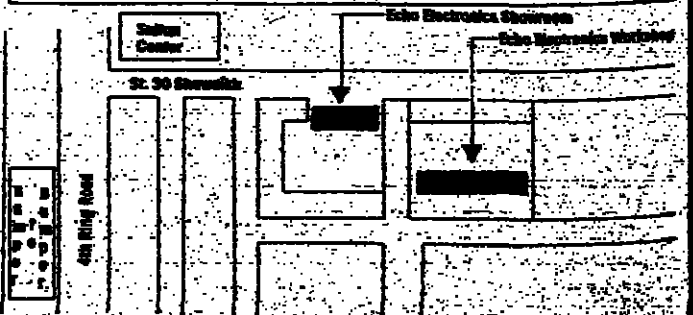
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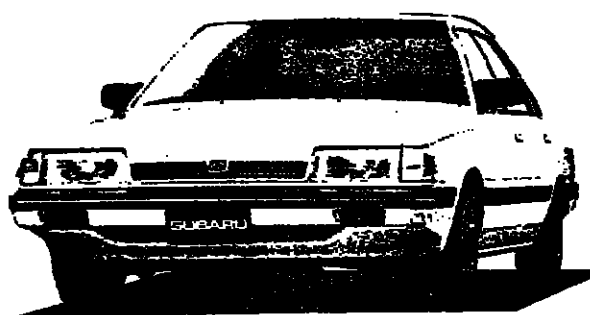


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# Marseille still interested in Maradona

PARIS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): French champions Marseille yesterday reaffirmed their interest in Diego Maradona, the volatile Argentine soccer star embroiled in a row with his Italian club Napoli.

Bernard Tapie, owner of the French club, said he was confident Maradona would sign for them but added the date depended on the outcome of talks between the troubled Argentine World Cup captain

and Napoli.

"It is not presumptuous to say that Diego Maradona will one day play for us," Tapie said in an interview with the Marseille daily Le Provençal published today.

"He has until November 24 to sign a contract," Tapie said.

"Maradona remains, at 28, the greatest player in the world," said Tapie, who has spent millions of dollars buying world-

class players to bolster his Mediterranean club for the European Cup.

Tapie gave the interview as Napoli began disciplinary action against their midfielder star who was due to fly to Italy today after failing to return from holiday for the start of the Italian season.

Maradona, the highest-paid player in Italy, indicated he was ready to quit Napoli after being quoted as saying on

Italian television that he was going to "throw" his contract at Napoli's president.

Marseille recently paid a French record \$6.8 million for England striker Chris Waddle, adding him to a line-up already including three other internationals, Brazilian defender Carlos Mozer, Uruguayan Enzo Francescoli and Karl Heinz Foster of West Germany.



Mozer (centre) jumps to head the ball. (Reuters wirephoto)

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### Argentine star

MILAN, Italy, Sept. 1, (AP): Diego Maradona, the Argentine soccer star of the Italian club Napoli, told a private television network Wednesday that he will marry his long-time companion Claudia Villafane on Nov. 8. Maradona, the highest-paid player in the Italian Major League, said the ceremony would take place in Argentina.

### Track team

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Virginia, Sept. 1, (UPI): Olympic 800-meter gold medalist Paul Ereng will be ineligible to run for the University of Virginia track team in NCAA competition because he signed a contract with a shoe company, according to a published report Wednesday.

### Scifo recalled

BRUSSELS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Midfielder Enzo Scifo has been recalled to the Belgian squad for the World Cup qualifying soccer match against Portugal next Wednesday. Scifo, who missed Belgium's 3-0 win over Denmark in a friendly last week, was named yesterday in a 17-strong squad for the Group Seven tie.

### Cup stadium

PALERMO, Sicily, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Seven pillars supporting the roof of the main stand in Palermo's World Cup soccer stadium collapsed yesterday, a day after four workmen were killed when a roof support buckled, officials said.

### Title fight

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, (UPI): Mike Tyson will defend his heavyweight title Nov. 18, against Razzor Ruddock in the challenger's home country of Canada, promoters said yesterday. Sonny McPhee of Halifax, Nova Scotia, said he paid \$2.5 million to Tyson's promoter Don King to bring the fight to Canada.

### College football

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J., Sept. 1, (Reuters): Quarterback Tony Rice and fullback Anthony Johnson combined to lead Notre Dame to an overwhelming 36-13 victory last night over Virginia in the kickoff classic, the opening game of the college football season.

### Exhibition sports

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Demonstration sports will be dropped from the Olympics from 1996, Olympic leaders decided yesterday. Michele Verdier, information director of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), told a news conference that demonstration sports had originally been introduced to enable host cities to promote one or two local traditional competitions.

### Club owners

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, (Reuters): An arbitrator has ordered owners of Major League baseball clubs to pay \$10.5 million in damages for conspiring against signing free agents in the 1985-86 offseason, according to a ruling made public yesterday.

### Horse virus

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Fears are high that an equine flu virus, which has already hit at least 12 new-market horse racing stables, has spread to other training centres in Britain. A massive reduction in the size of fields is likely to be the first effect of the illness.

### Former Yankee

UNION, New Jersey, Sept. 1, (AP): Joe Collins, a first baseman for 10 years with the New York Yankees, died of natural causes at his New Jersey home Saturday. He was 66. Collins played for the Yankees from 1948-1957 and was a member of six World Series champion teams.

### Appeal rejected

EAST ORANGE, N.J., Sept. 1, (Reuters): The International Boxing Federation announced on Wednesday that it had rejected a request by Carl Williams' manager to nullify his defeat by Mike Tyson in a heavyweight title fight and order a rematch.

### Double-header

GOLD COAST, Australia, Sept. 1, (AP): Australian brothers Troy and Guy Waters both will defend their Commonwealth boxing titles in a double-header at the Jupiter's Casino on Saturday. Troy Waters, the No. 1 contender for the International Boxing Federation title held by Italian Gianfranco Rosi, defends his Commonwealth junior-midweight crown against Judas Clotey, who was born in Ghana and lives in England. Guy meets Roy Skeldon.

### Games funding

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, Sept. 1, (AP): The New Zealand Olympic committee will next week discuss a possible \$18-million shortfall in funding for the Commonwealth Games, which are scheduled to be held in Auckland in January.

### Murder charge

STOCKTON, California, Sept. 1, (AP): Former Seattle Seahawks general manager Michael J. Blair was charged with murder yesterday, accused of arranging the death of an ex-business partner, found slain with an arrow in the chest, authorities said.

### Super Cup

ATHENS, Greece, Sept. 1, (AP): League champion AEK Wednesday night beat Cypriot Panathinaikos, 6-5 on penalty kicks, and won the "Friendship and Solidarity Cup," the better known as the Greek Super Cup. It was AEK's first victory in the three-year-old history of the competition.

# Coventry edge City

## Robson injured as United slump

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): A last-minute goal from winger David Smith carried Coventry to the first time in their 106-year history on Wednesday.

Smith pounced in the dying seconds to earn his side a 2-1 win over Manchester City as Coventry became the third side to head the standings in four days.

Big-spending Manchester United had England skipper Bryan Robson taken out injured as they crashed 2-0 at home to Norwich with their record-signing Gary Pallister enduring a nightmare debut at Old Trafford.

Robson, who limped out of the match at halftime with badly bruised ribs and was expected to spend the night in hospital, admitted he was doubtful for England's World Cup qualifying match against Sweden next week.

England defender Pallister, who joined United from Middlesbrough on Monday for a British club record \$3.6 million, was caught out of position as Dale Gordon put the visitors ahead two minutes before halftime.

Then he gave away a 75th minute penalty to end any lingering hope United had of saving a point. Pallister pulled down Robert Rosario as the Norwich striker cut in towards goal and Robert Fleck scored from the spot.

United, 4-1 winners over champions Arsenal on the opening day of the season, have now taken just four points from their first four games.

Coventry have taken nine points yet never looked likely to win their rain-swept, tussle against the First-Division new boys.



Robson hurt

David White put City ahead in the 19th minute from Andy Hincliffe's in-swinging corner but Micky Gynn equalised with a fine left foot shot after good work by striker Cyrille Regis before Smith nipped between two defenders to clinch the historic victory.

Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson said: "Bryan has severe bruising and is doubtful for the game. He will remain with us under treatment until Sunday. We will make a final decision

on Sunday afternoon. If he is okay he will join England on Monday morning."

Robson, 32, appeared in all England's games last season and has been in good form for United so far this season, but he has had an injury-plagued career.

Yesterday, holders Nottingham Forest were handed a comfortable opening match in defence of their English League Cup when they were drawn to meet third Division Huddersfield Town in this year's second round.

Forest, who beat Luton 3-1 to win the trophy in April, have made an undistinguished start to their first division campaign this season and will be glad to have avoided more powerful opponents.

In a round in which the First Division clubs are kept apart on their entry to the competition, the most interesting tie has provided Second Division Wolves' England striker Steve Bull with an opportunity to prove his First Division quality against Aston Villa.

Bull, whose prolific scoring feats inspired Wolves' rise from the Fourth Division to the second in successive seasons, has scored twice in his last two games and his marksmanship could help them to eliminate their midlands rivals.

Big-spending Manchester United also look vulnerable against combative Portsmouth and champions Arsenal may also find life difficult in their tie with ambitious Plymouth.

FA Cup holders Liverpool should have little trouble in making progress. They meet Third Division Wigan while current First Division leaders Coventry

meet Fourth Division Grimsby. Tottenham meet Southend.

Meanwhile Spanish First Division soccer side Real Sociedad are trying to get the asking price for Liverpool striker John Aldridge reduced.

"Liverpool are asking 240 million pesetas (\$1.9 million) which seems a bit much to us," Real Sociedad president Inaki Alkiza told reporters before late night talks on Wednesday with officials from Liverpool who were in Madrid for a friendly against Real Madrid.

Draw for the second round of the English Football League Cup.

Exeter v Blackburn, Tottenham v Southend, West Bromwich Albion v Bradford, Oldham v Leeds, Stoke v Millwall, Queen's Park Rangers v Stockport, Charlton v Hereford, Northampton or Mansfield v Luton, Aston Villa v Wolves, York v Southampton, Ipswich v Tranmere, Sunderland v Fulham, Bolton v Watford, Grimsby v Coventry, Reading v Newcastle, Middlesbrough v Halifax, Liverpool v Wigan, Port Vale v Wimbledon, Birmingham v West Ham, Shrewsbury v Swindon, Norwich v Rotherham, Arsenal v Plymouth, Nottingham Forest v Huddersfield, Leyton Orient v Everton, Brentford v Manchester City, Barnsley v Blackpool, Chelsea v Scarborough, Crystal Palace v Leicester, Portsmouth v Manchester United, Sheffield Wednesday v Aldershot, Cambridge v Derby, Crewe v Bournemouth.

Ties will be played over two legs. The first leg to be played week of Monday, September 18, the second leg in week of Monday, October 2.

# Marseille rout Sochaux

PARIS, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Jean-Pierre Papin scored four goals as Marseille crushed Sochaux 6-1 on Wednesday to move into second place in the French Soccer League.

Marseille humiliated Sochaux with four goals before halftime from Brazilian Carlos Mozer, Franck Sauze and two from the penalty spot by Papin.

Sochaux defender Laurent Croci reduced the deficit but Papin struck twice more after the

interval as Sochaux goalkeeper Gilles Rousset conceded more goals in one night than he had in seven previous matches.

League leaders Bordeaux, who slumped to defeat against Caen last week, remained a point clear with a laborious 3-0 win over Brest.

Dutch recruit Piet den Boer opened the scoring in the first half and Vincent Lizarazu and Jean-Marc Ferret completed the triumph after the interval.

Paris St Germain dropped to third in the standing after being held to 1-1 draw by fourth-placed Toulon.

## Results

Lyons	0	Racing Paris	1
Marseille	6	Sochaux	1
Nantes	1	Montpellier	1
Auxerre	3	Caen	0
Toulouse	2	Metz	0
Nice	1	Lille	1
PSG	1	Toulon	1
Bordeaux	3	Brest	0
Caen	0	Moules	0

# Brazil to meet Chile in tense Cup qualifier

RIO DE JANEIRO, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Tight security surrounds the decisive World Cup qualifying game between Brazil and Chile at the Maracana stadium on Sunday following their explosive match in Santiago last month.

Brazil, who need only draw to qualify from South America's Group Three for next year's finals in Italy, protested to the International Football Federation (FIFA) about Chile's use of the electronic scoreboard at Santiago's National Stadium to incite the home fans and about the behaviour of the police.

Brazil's manager Sebastiao Lazaroni was allegedly hit by a policeman for shouting protests at referee Jose Diaz, who sent off two players and booked seven, and commented afterwards: "This wasn't a football match, it was a war."

Chile were ordered to play their home game against Venezuela last Sunday over the border in Argentina but the tense climate stirred up by firebrand Chilean coach Orlando Aravena in Santiago remains alive, despite efforts by Brazilian government officials to calm the situation.

"The Chileans will receive the sort of protection usually only given to important chiefs-of-state who visit Rio de Janeiro," said military police chief Colonel Manuel Elycio.

The players are delaying their arrival in Rio until tomorrow evening when they will fly in by military aircraft. Their accommodation is in the outskirts of the city, far from the madding crowd.

The head of the Maracana Stadium complex, Joao Medrado Dias, also announced extra precautions but admitted that controlling the expected 160,000 crowd would be near-impossible if Brazil lost.

"If the Chileans qualify instead of Brazil, no one can predict what will happen in this stadium," Dias said.

Brazil, who have never previously failed to qualify for the World Cup finals, are favourites to win, despite the absence of striker Romario, serving a suspension after being sent off two minutes into the last Chile match.

They have the same number of points as the Chileans but are ahead on goal difference following their 6-0 thrashing of Venezuela a fortnight ago.

The Chileans will be without Rubio and Zamorano, back with their Swiss clubs, and will announce their line-up only on match day. The referee is Juan Loustau of Argentina.

Brazil (probables) - Taffarel, Jorginho, Aldair (or Ricardo Rocha), Ricardo Gomes, Mauro Galvao, Branco, Dunga, Silas, Valdo, Bebeto, Careca.

Chile - to be announced.

# Norman hits 8-under-par 64 for lead

FRANKLIN, Wisconsin, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Greg Norman fired an eight-under-par 64 yesterday to take a one-stroke lead over four golfers after the first round of the \$800,000 Greater Milwaukee Open.

Norman collected nine birdies in the round and only one bogey on the 7,030-yard Tuckaway Country Club to stand one shot ahead of fellow Australian Wayne Grady and Americans Curt Byrum, Phil Blackman and Steve Pate.

"I'm very happy to come in with a 64. It took me about four or five holes to get my body in sync, but then I started to really play well," said Norman.

"You get off to a good start like this and just hope that it continues. I am playing real well right now and have finally gotten my game back in shape after the injuries."

Norman suffered a wrist injury in the 1988 US Open. However, in his last two starts in the United States he has a victory in Denver and a fourth-place finish at the World Series of Golf last week in Ohio.

Norman started with a bogey before making birdies on three of the last four holes on his front side en route, to a 33. He then scored five birdies on the back side for a 31.

Grady gave credit to Norman for his own good round.

"I always enjoy playing with Greg and he sort of just pulled me along, he said. "My 65 was a good score but that's all from tee to green I was not sure where the ball was going. I just made some really long putts. I really putted the spots off the ball."

# Blue Jays share top spot

## Indians blank Orioles

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, (AP): The Baltimore Orioles are no longer lonely at the top.

"Just because we have company for a day, it's no big deal," manager Frank Robinson said after the Orioles lost 11-0 to Cleveland last night and fell into a first-place tie with Toronto.

The Orioles had led the American League East for 97 straight days since moving into first May 26. They lost 107 games last year.

"We'll see how they (the Blue Jays) like it, and then we'll let them," Robinson said.

Joe Carter hit two home runs and John Farrell pitched a five-hitter for his second career shutout for the Indians, who won two of three games in the series.

The Orioles are 24-25 since the all-star break. In nine games with their lead at one game or less, they have gone 7-2.

Blue Jays 5, White Sox 1  
George Bell drove in three

runs, two with his 16th homer, leading Toronto past Chicago for the Blue Jays' ninth victory in 10 games.

Dave Stieb, 14-8, allowed four hits in six innings, struck out two and walked two. Jim Acker followed with two hitless innings and Tom Henke pitched the ninth to finish the combined six-hitter.

Bell's eighth-inning homer extended his hitting streak to 22 games, a club record and the longest in the American League this season.

Red Sox 6, Angels 2  
Roger Clemens struck out a season-high 13 batters to reach double figures for the 37th time in his career, and hot-swinging Jody Reed had hits as Boston beat California.

Royals 3, Tigers 0  
Bret Saberhagen won his eighth game in a row as Kansas City blanked Detroit 3-0, handing the Tigers their 12th straight

loss.

Saberhagen, 17-5, has won 14 of his last 15 decisions. He pitched eight innings, allowed five hits, struck out seven and walked none. Jeff Montgomery worked the ninth for his 15th save.

Kevin Seitzer led the offense with three of Kansas City's six hits. The victory moved the Royals within 2 and 1-2 games of idle Oakland in the American League West.

Brewers 6, Mariners 1  
Mark Knudson combined with two relievers on a five-hitter and Billy Spiers drove in three runs to lead Milwaukee.

## Results

American League			
Cleveland	11	Baltimore	0
Boston	5	California	2
Toronto	5	Chicago	0
Kansas City	3	Detroit	1
Milwaukee	6	Seattle	1
Minnesota	8	Texas	6
National League			
San Diego	8	Philadelphia	1

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San Diego	5	Philadelphia	1

# Dilley bowls Worcester to county title

## Lampitt and Botham scuttle Gloucester

LONDON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Worcestershire made certain of winning the English County Cricket Championship for the second successive year when they beat Gloucestershire by 131 runs yesterday.

South African-bound rebel Graham Dilley made the title safe when he ripped through the Gloucester tail with devastating spell of four wickets for seven runs in 11 devastating spell of four wickets for seven runs in 11 deliveries on the third day of their four-day match at Worcester.

He made the vital breakthrough by bowling Phil Bainbridge for 45 to begin the collapse which saw Gloucester dismissed for 124 in their second innings after being set 256 to win.

Needing a win to put the championship out of reach of second-placed Essex, Worcester looked in trouble when Tony Wright and Dean Hodgson put on 43 for the first wicket.

But 23-year-old medium pacer Stuart Lampitt with four for 32 and Ian Botham with two for 39 halted any hopes Gloucester had of reaching the target before Dilley stepped in to wrap up the



Graham Dilley



Stuart Lampitt



Ian Botham

innings.

Both teams have one match left, but Worcester's victory put them on 315 points, out of reach of Essex although they are well set to win their match against Surrey at Chelmsford.

They finished the day on 143 for four and needed another 84 runs for victory today.

Left-arm pace bowler John Lever, playing in his last home match before retiring, set up the Essex victory bid with a magnificent seven for 48 as Surrey were dismissed for 183 in their second innings.

"It is time to go. I was tempted to stay on but Essex have youngsters ready to do my job here," he said.

Afterwards Lever, 40, said the club had asked him to delay his retirement for another year but he had declined.

"I feel I could do the bowling still, but I'm finding it harder in the field."

An Essex win will almost cer-

# Top players invited for Hadlee benefit

WELLINGTON, Sept. 1, (Reuters): Many of the world's top cricketers have been invited to play in a testimonial series next year to mark the retirement of New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee, promoters said yesterday.

A World XI drawn from 21 players from Australia, England, India, West Indies and Pakistan will play three one-day matches in March and April, the Richard Hadlee testimonial committee said in a statement.

It said invitations had been sent to David Boon, Allan Border, Dennis Lillee (Australia), Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri (India), Ian Botham, David Gower, Graham Gooch, Eddie Hemmings, Derek Randall (England), Zimbabwean-born Graeme Hick, who plays for Worcestershire, Gordon Greenidge, Michael Holding, Clive Lloyd, Viv Richards, Malcolm Marshall (West Indies), Javed Miandad, Imran Khan, Mudassar Nazar, Abdul Qadir (Pakistan).

But Botham, Gower, Hem-

mings, Richards, Greenidge and Marshall are unlikely to be available as the matches coincide with England's tour of the West Indies from February to mid-April.

Nor will Boon and Border be available if their state sides, Tasmania and Queensland respectively, make the final of Australia's Sheffield Shield series.

The committee said 17 New Zealand players had been invited: Stephen Boock, Chris Cairns, Lance Cairns, Ewen Chatfield, Jeff Crowe, Martin Crowe, Bruce Edgar, Mark Greatbatch, Andrew Jones, Danny Morrison, Paul McEwen, Ian Smith, Martin Snedden, Robert Vance, Willie Watson and John Wright.

England's Dickie Bird umpire the games with two New Zealand umpires. Former West Indies captain Clive Lloyd is likely to captain the international side.

The matches are scheduled for Christchurch on March 25, Wellington on March 28 and Auckland on April 1.



## SPORTS

## ATP to speed up game, improve conduct

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (Reuters) The Association of Tennis Professionals announced yesterday that it planned to test players for steroids and introduce new rules designed to speed up tennis and curtail unsportsmanlike behaviour.

Larry Scott, a touring professional and a member of the ATP board of directors, told a news conference that the current testing programme for cocaine, heroin and

amphetamines would be expanded to include anabolic steroids.

"We are now in the process of determining exactly how the test is going to take place," Scott said at the US Open site.

Scott said the rules governing conduct, which he described as the most pressing issue, would be implemented next year.

"Probably the most significant change from

our (players) point of view is in the code of conduct where we are reducing the code to three steps from four," he said.

Scott said umpires would be able to default a player for on-court misbehaviour after issuing a warning and a point penalty, eliminating the game penalty step.

"We realise that we don't have the best image in the world and we are committed to improving

that," Scott added.

Franco Bartoni, who headed the ATP Tour rules committee, said that in an effort to speed up matches the time allowed between points would be reduced from 30 to 25 seconds and a tiebreak would be mandatory in all sets.

The new rules do not affect Grand Slam events, so Wimbledon will remain its tradition of no tiebreaks in the final set.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Qadsiya win

QADSIYA won the Salmiya Silver Jubilee Championship yesterday with a 1-0 win over Zamalet of Egypt. Mohammed Ibrahim scored the only goal in the 41st minute.

## English club

LONDON, Sept. 1. (Reuters) One of the longest-standing traditions in English cricket is under threat. Yorkshire are to consider relaxing their rule that only players born within the county may play for the side. Team captain Phil Carrick said today he had written to the club's general committee recommending the change.

## European Masters

CRANS-SUR-SIERRE, Switzerland, Sept. 1. (Reuters) Severiano Ballesteros and Bernhard Langer fired 65 to share the lead with Britons Ken Brown and Stephen Bennett and Swede Mats Lanner in the European Masters golf first round on Thursday. Seven-under-par scores left them one stroke clear of eight players, who include Australians Mike Harwood and Craig Parry, winners of the PLM and West German Opens in the last fortnight.

## Olympic ban

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 1. (Reuters) Athletics caught doping at the Olympics should not be banned from all future games for a first offence, a top official said on Wednesday. Prince Alexandre de Merode, chairman of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) medical commission, said: "I'm strongly against a life ban for a first offence because I feel everybody has the right to one chance in this life."

## Cup qualifier

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Sept. 1. (AP) The United States will play its final home World Cup qualifier against El Salvador on Nov 5 in St. Louis soccer park at Fenton, Missouri.

## Steroid users

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (AP) As some of the 13 players suspended for steroids continued to proclaim their innocence, the NFL said Wednesday that it hopes its ban of the body-building substances will deter any further use. League and team officials, however, conceded there is nothing to stop steroid users from going back on the drugs now that the one-time-only tests have been administered.

## Ancestral loss

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 1. (UPI) Australia's national cricket team will try to avenge an ancestral loss in the Hague this weekend when it takes on Holland for 55 innings in two days. Holland's win in 1964, the last time the Australians came to the Hague, is still a fresh memory as the embarrassment of a quarter-century ago.

## Dutch soccer

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 1. (UPI) The Dutch Soccer Federation has rescheduled Fortuna Sittard's League match against FC Utrecht, a team with one of Holland's most troublesome reliques of fans, for Sunday Sept. 8. The mayor of Sittard, a southern city near the West German border, banned the match on Aug. 15, one day before it was to be played in De Baandert stadium, because of fear of supporter violence.

## English fans

ROTTERDAM, Sept. 1. (UPI) The Dutch and English soccer federations are discussing a Dutch plan to refuse English fans entry into Holland for a Dec 13 international match between the two countries. A definitive decision is expected after England's match against Sweden next Wednesday.

## Soviet player

VIENNA, Sept. 1. (UPI) Soviet footballer Yevgeni Milevski, who made his Austrian Vienna First Division debut last week, netting the first two goals for Austria's 6-0 win over Admira Wacker, said he will become an Austrian citizen in time for next year's World Cup championship in Italy. In a television interview, national team manager Joseph Hickersberger said after last week's performance he can well imagine Milevski in the Austrian squad.

Lendl sails through  
McEnroe and Wilander upset

NEW YORK, Sept. 1. (Reuters) The men in the top half of the draw did their part to restore some sense of order and faith in the US Open rankings yesterday, after a day of startling upsets.

Top seed Ivan Lendl, a finalist here for the past seven years and a three-time champion, led a charge of seeded men into the third round.

The Czechoslovak world number one played nearly flawless tennis to demolish 32nd-ranked Australian John Fitzgerald 6-2 6-1 6-1.

Lendl broke Fitzgerald seven times in the match, while not allowing the Australian to reach a single break point against his own serve in the second and third sets.

"It's easy to play when you're leading so much," said Lendl.

On Wednesday, after second seed Boris Becker was taken to the brink of elimination but refused to cross over, fourth seed John McEnroe fell to unknown Dutch qualifier Paul Haarhuis and fifth-seeded defending champion Mats Wilander was ousted by young American upstart Pete Sampras.

But third seed Stefan Edberg opened grandstand play on a beautiful, sunny yesterday with a convincing 6-2 6-2 6-2 win over fellow Swede Peter Lundgren to put the year's final Grand Slam back on a more predictable course.

"That's the way tennis is today it's very, very competitive. If you don't concentrate you can lose to anybody," Edberg said of Wednesday's shockers.

"Unfortunately, I'm not in

that half of the draw," said Edberg, a losing finalist at both Wimbledon and the French Open this year.

Edberg's draw includes a potential quarterfinal against sixth seed Andre Agassi and a semifinal against Lendl.

Agassi delighted his vocal New York fans yesterday with an easy 6-3 6-2 6-3 win over South

African Neil Broad.

The flamboyant 19-year-old displayed good control on his rocket forehand groundstrokes and unleashed what appeared to be a much-improved serve for 10 aces and 13 service winners.

While Agassi played to the grandstand crowd, seventh seed Michael Chang — his principal rival for top American star of the

future — was entertaining fans on the stadium court.

The 17-year-old French Open champion added his name to the list of seeded straight-set winners with a 6-1 6-3 6-3 win over Swede Thomas Hogstedt, who at 116 is ranked one place below Haarhuis.

Ninth-seeded American Tim Mayotte also rolled into the third round with a straight-set win over Christo van Rensburg of South Africa.

On the women's side, third seed Gabriela Sabatini, a finalist here last year, opened the stadium programme with a 6-3 6-2 second round win over 75th-ranked Italian Cathy Caverzasio.

Sixth-seeded French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario, who could face Sabatini in the quarterfinals, also advanced to the third round by crushing American Cammy MacGregor 6-1 6-3.

The 17-year-old, who shocked the tennis world by halting Steffi Graf's bid for a second successive Grand Slam on the slow, red French Open clay, looked surprisingly comfortable on the hardcourts of the National Tennis Centre.

"I'm trying to do the same as I did at the French. I have a lot of confidence," she said.

Eighth-seeded Czechoslovak Helena Sukova needed three sets to safely reach the third round. But her compatriot, 11-seeded Jana Novotna, was the day's lone upset victim.

She fell to hard-hitting 26th-ranked Austrian Barbara Paulus 3-6 6-3 6-2.



Wilander leaves the court after losing to Sampras. (Reuters wirephoto)

Palestine Soccer Cup starts  
Iraq beats N. Yemen

BAGHDAD, Iraq, Sept. 1. (AP) A new-look Iraqi youth team defeated North Yemen 4-0 yesterday in the opening match of the Third Palestine Soccer Cup under 19 tournament.

Midfielder Ali Ouda scored the first goal in the 22nd minute with a strong header that drew loud cheers, whistles and claps from the 60,000-strong audience at the Baghdad stadium. Striker Ala' Kadhim scored the three other goals in the 23rd, 41 and 52nd minutes.

The Iraqis have spent about 1.5 million dinars (\$4 million) on the tournament, which is co-sponsored by the Arab Football Federation.

The Iraqis, who won the first Palestine Cup tournament in Morocco in 1983, are desperate for a triumph in the two-week tournament to overcome the taint of a ban by the International Soccer Federation FIFA.

Earlier this year, FIFA barred Iraq's under-23, under-19 and under-16 teams from playing in tournaments organised by the organisation for two years after the Iraqis fielded an over-age player in the world youth tournament in Saudi Arabia.

Among the favourites to win 14-nation cham-

pionship are Saudi Arabia, who won the second tourney in 1985, and Algeria, runners-up in that event which they hosted.

The Iraqis, under the direction of British coach William Aspery, had been training for the event for more than two months in Budapest, playing Hungarian and Arab teams.

Aspery, 53, is a former player with England's Stoke City and Sheffield Wednesday clubs and a one-time sidekick of the legendary Stanley Matthews of England, one of soccer's greats.

Iraq is grouped with North Yemen, Morocco and Jordan in Group 1. All their preliminary matches will be played in Baghdad, the Iraqi capital.

Saudi Arabia faces strong challenges in Group 3 from Kuwait and Bahrain. Their matches will be played in the northern oil city of Kirkuk.

Egypt will not be playing because its application was made too late, official said.

South Yemen, Algeria and Tunisia will play their Group 4 matches in another northern city, Mosul. Lebanon, which was to have been in Group 4, is not sending a team because of fighting between the Syrian Army and Christian forces.

Tobacco laws  
jeopardise  
Australian GP

MELBOURNE, Sept. 1. (Reuters) Tough new state laws on cigarette advertising could cost Australia its round of the World 500 cc Motorcycle Championship, the race promoter said yesterday.

Bob Barnard, who rebuilt a race track on Phillip Island in Victoria where the Australian Grand Prix was held last April, said new laws requiring large health warnings of tobacco advertising were threatening the state's chances of restaging the event.

The major international motorcycle teams, most of them backed by cigarette companies, had written to the Victorian government objecting to the new law, he said.

Barnard said he was considering an offer to move the Grand Prix to Queensland.



McEnroe reacts after being knocked out of the Open. (Reuters wirephoto)

Zaragoza stops  
Duarte for crown

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 1. (Reuters) Mexico's Daniel Zaragoza retained his World Boxing Council super-bantamweight title yesterday when he stopped Frankie Duarte of the United States in the 10th round of a scheduled 12-round bout.

The left-handed champion battered the 10th-ranked Duarte from the start. Referee James Jen Kin stopped the fight to save Duarte, his left eye swollen and bleeding, from further punishment.

Zaragoza said the only thing that kept him from landing more punches was sore hands.

"I didn't hit him more because of the pain in my hands," Zaragoza said through an interpreter after the fight. Zaragoza's hands were bruised and swollen.

An aggressive but ineffective Duarte — his white trunks smeared with his own blood — kept charging the champion until the fight was stopped.

The 34-year-old Duarte said Zaragoza, 31, was just too fast for him.

"I just didn't have the quickness. The reflexes were gone," Duarte said.

Despite Zaragoza's domination, the crowd cheered Duarte, a Los Angeles native, until the end, chanting "Frankie, Frankie, Frankie."

Duarte, whose struggle with drugs and alcohol kept him out of the ring from 1981 to 1984, said the fight would be his last.

It was his second attempt at a world title. Duarte lost a 1987 bout for the World Boxing Association bantamweight title against Bernardo Pinango of Venezuela.

It was the fourth super-bantamweight title defence for Zaragoza, who held the WBC title for three months in 1985.

The champion said he plans to defend the super-bantamweight title three more times. If he is successful, Zaragoza said he would move up to the featherweight division, 126-pound (57.15 kg), to try for a third title.

Zaragoza said he plans to fight the number one contender Lee Seung-Hoon of South Korea in October. Zaragoza barely held onto his title in May 1989 when he battled Lee to a 12-round draw.

Yesterday's win brings Zaragoza's record to 39 wins, four losses and one draw. Duarte's record falls to 45-8-1. Zaragoza weighed in at 121 pounds (54.99 kg).

Jahangir, Jansher win

KARACHI, Pakistan, Sept. 1. (Reuters) World number one Jahangir Khan had to work hard today to earn himself another confrontation with arch-rival Jansher Khan in the Pakistan Open squash final.

Jahangir spent 66 minutes subduing third-seeded compatriot Umar Hayat Khan 15-8 15-14 7-15 15-13 in their semifinal. The closely contested second game lasted 25 minutes.

Jansher had a smoother passage when compatriot Mir Zaman Gul quit after two games — won 15-4 15-1 by Jansher — because of a back injury.

Fans will be hoping Saturday's showdown will live up to last year's memorable final between the two Pakistanis.

Yesterday Jahangir took just 44 minutes to dispose of eighth seed Phil Kenyon of Britain 15-5 15-14 15-5.

Jansher made light work yesterday of 12th seed Fred Johnson of Sweden 15-5 15-5 15-4.

## Indonesia take 102 golds

## SEA Games end

KUALA LUMPUR, Sept. 1. (KUNA) Southeast Asia's biggest sports extravaganza — the 15th SEA Games — came to a close here last night in heavy rain soon after the soccer final in which Malaysia beat Singapore 3-1.

The closing ceremony was conducted by the Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir who announced a national public holiday tomorrow "in appreciation of the victories of Malaysian athletes and public support for them in the Games as well as the efficient organisation of the Games."

The 12-day event had been an exemplary showcase for hosts Malaysia who surprised even themselves by bagging 67 golds, far exceeding their initial forecast of 50 and finishing second to Indonesia in the overall tally.

Nine countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, the Philippines, Myanmar, Vietnam, Brunei and Laos took part. Notable was the return of Vietnam and Laos after a 16-year absence.

Each country had something to take home, from

Indonesia, with the lion's share of 102 golds, to Laos who finished with a sole silver medal from boxing.

The premier also presented prizes to the best sportsman and sportswoman of the Games, swimmers Eric Buhain of the Philippines and Nurul Huda Abdullah of Malaysia. Each received a gold trophy and \$5,000.

Youth and Sports Minister Najib Razak then handed over the Games flag to the Philippines ambassador to Malaysia, Rodolfo Severino who received it on behalf of the mayor of metro Manila — venue for the next SEA Games in 1991.

The closing ceremony continued with a stage show by Asia's No. 1 performer, Sudirman Arshad of Malaysia and Filipino songbird Celeste Legaspi.

Earlier, fireworks lit up the sky as some 50,000 crowd in the national stadium and millions more Malaysian at home over their TV sets enjoyed the show.

## Samaranch re-elected IOC president

## Soccer age limit and return of tennis accepted

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico, Sept. 1. (Agencies) Juan Antonio Samaranch of Spain was re-elected Wednesday to serve another four years as president of the International Olympic Committee.

The IOC session also elected Zhenliang He of China as fourth vice president and American Robert Helmick as a member of the executive board.

Samaranch, who took office at the 1980 Moscow Olympics, received glowing tributes from his colleagues.

"We are fortunate to have him for another four years," Australian executive board member Kevan Gosper said. "He has taken the Olympic movement to its highest peak since our founder Pierre Coubertin."

Samaranch, 68, has seen the Olympic movement through some of its toughest moments with the reciprocal boycotts of the 1980 Moscow Olympics and the 1984 Los Angeles Games.

The choice of Seoul as host city in 1988 could have spurred another major defection, but ended in triumph with 160 of the 167 member nations taking part.

Samaranch, a Spanish busin-

essman, was elected an IOC member in 1966 and steadily rose through the ranks. He served as Spanish ambassador to the Soviet Union before his election as IOC president.

"I feel very happy and proud and I am ready to go on for these four years," Samaranch said.

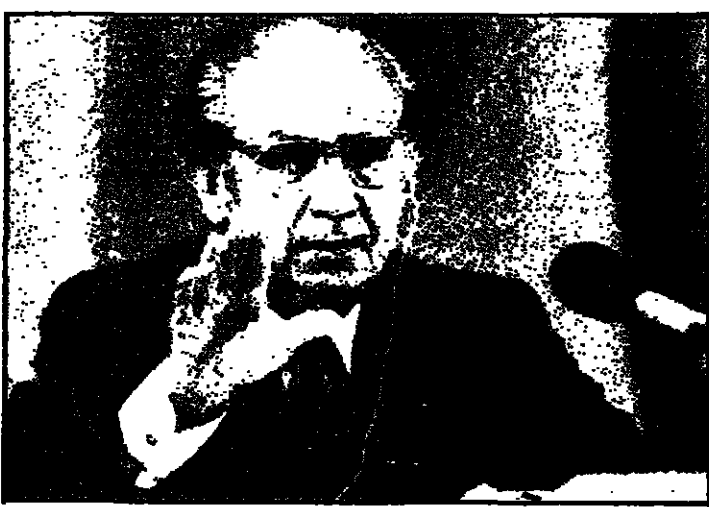
"It was a dream for me to be the president at the Games in my city in Barcelona," added Samaranch, looking ahead to the 1992 Summer Olympics.

Being president of the IOC is not easy, to be re-elected is not easy and knowing to withdraw at the right moment is not easy also. But I think I will retire in 1993.

Samaranch described the Seoul Olympics as the moment he remembered most.

"Many people said it was crazy to have the Games in this country," Samaranch said of the volatile South Korea. "But on the closing day, nothing had happened, and it was very successful — maybe the best games in Olympic history. I was very happy."

Meanwhile Olympic leaders bowed to the inevitable yesterday and agreed to an age limit of 23 for the 1992 Barcelona soccer



Samaranch gets another four years.

tournament, Olympic sources said.

The 85 delegates attending the annual session of the IOC also accepted tennis as a permanent medal sport in the Olympic programme following the success of the experimental tournament in Seoul last year.

Delegates emerging from the meeting said the soccer and ten-

nis issues had sparked long debates.

The decision on soccer brought to an end a year of wrangling between the IOC and FIFA, the International Football Federation.

FIFA insisted on an age limit to ensure the Olympic tournament could not become a rival to its own showcase event, the

## World Cup finals.

The IOC felt that an age limit would put soccer out of step with other Olympic sports and prevent some of the world's best players taking part in the Games.

However, it was always clear that FIFA held the whiphand in the argument, although FIFA president Joao Havelange of Brazil denied he had ever threatened to withdraw soccer from the Games if the IOC did not agree to an age limit.

Havelange, an IOC member, also denied that the decision would reduce the quality of the entry and the size of the crowds attending the Barcelona matches.

The ruling, which will be reviewed after 1992, covers the two-year qualifying tournament as well as the Barcelona finals.

A player who will be over-age by the time of the Games will not be allowed to take part in any phase of the competition.

In accepting the permanent return of tennis, the session also endorsed an Olympic ban on players who take part in events in South Africa.